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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 1, 1995

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***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All non-renewed DFO memberships expired December 31, 1994, except those that were effective after October 1, 1994. In other words, all members renew at the beginning of the calendar year, not the anniversary of your membership in the club. Memberships not renewed by January 31, 1995 will be terminated. So, please remember — Renew immediately!! Thanks.

December 1995 Field Trip Summary

December 3, Saturday (CCR)
Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Walt Hackney.
Observers: Ruth Davis, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Tom and Judy Hablitzel, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Randy Lentz, Peter Lowen, Tim and Vince Mitzen, Jack Reddall, Bob Spencer, Joe TenBrink, Bill and Nancy Urquhart. (Variable clouds; Wind 20 mph; 45°F). 24.2 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0800–1530. 46 species; 1,784 individuals.

December 4, Sunday (NWL)
Northwest Lakes. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer.
Observers: Dale Bucknam, Amy Cervene, Shirley Cervene, Dave Compton, Richard Cookingham, Tom Hablitzel, Pearl Jordan, David Laliberte, Bob and Betsy Myers. (Partly cloudy; Wind 10 mph; 40° to 55°F). 21 mi by car, 0 mi on foot. 0830–1330. 33 species; 3,297 individuals.

**December Contributors to the
Colorado Rare Bird Alert**

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Joyce Takamine
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**Special Field Trips for those with
Special Needs**

This is great!! The DFO will soon offer those with special needs a chance to participate in field trips. Most of our field trips are partially accessible to people who use wheelchairs. In addition, mobility information and assistance can be provided. An interpreter for the deaf is available on request. Special attention can be given to audio identification of birds for those who do not see well. If you or a friend would like more information or to assist in providing assistance to someone with a special need, please call Jackie King at 287-1644 (TDD/V).

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

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The Lark Bunting needs a new Editor!

That's right, we are looking for a new editor for our monthly newsletter. The job is a volunteer position, and involves between 30 and 40 hours per month, with the bulk of it spent between the 5th and the 10th of each month. We are looking for someone who is able to type (or willing to hunt and peck). Computer literacy (and a computer) would help greatly. If these qualifications describe you or someone you know, please contact Kurt Hebner at 273-9230 or Joey Kellner at 978-1748. Thanks!

Tuesday Birders

No Report

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The 2 DFO trips reported a total of 53 species for the month of December 1994, shown on Page 3 in Table 1.

Now Available! Conservation Licenses!

They may be purchased anywhere hunting licenses are sold. One quarter of the purchase price goes to a fund for search and rescue of stranded hikers, and the rest goes to conservation efforts toward non-game wildlife. Sounds like a good idea to me!

The 12th annual Monte Vista Crane Festival will be held this year on March 23 through 26. Call 719 852-3552 for a brochure or more information, or write:
Monte Vista Crane Festival
PO Box 585
Monte Vista, CO 81144

The 1995 Colorado Pelican Festival will be held April 28 through 30 in Greeley. Field trips and nature art are just a few of the high points - and don't miss the walk-like-a-pelican contest. For full information, write:
Platte and Prairie Audubon Society
PO Box 3354
Greeley, CO 80333
or call 303 330-5082 or 303 351-0166

DFO UPPER TEXAS COAST TRIP

April 14 through 21: Frankly, the Upper Texas Coast is probably the most exciting location in North America to experience the spring migration rush. All expenses shared. Land cost for the trip should be approximately \$500.00. Maximum 8 birders. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529). for more details.

Class Notice -- Birds and Berries:

Landscaping for Wildlife

3 sessions - Sundays February 5th, 12th, and 19th, 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Classroom fee \$35.00 for members of Denver Botanical Gardens, \$42.00 non-members. Instructor: Tina Jones. To register call 370-8020, or for more information call Tina at 794-2647. Join Tina as she shows participants how to restore crucial habitat for nesting and visiting birds. Tina's yard regularly attracts 30 hummingbirds per day in the summer, and is home to a variety of plains and foothills species year round. Each session will center upon a different aspect of planting, and the overall emphasis of the class is drought-tolerant regional plants.

Table 1

SPECIES	3	4
	CCR	NWL
Pied-billed Grebe	9	2
Horned Grebe	1	2
Eared Grebe	8	
Western Grebe	6	
Double-crstd. Cormorant	3	
Canada Goose	180	2300
Green-winged Teal	50	
Mallard	29	110
Northern Pintail		2
Northern Shoveler		225
Gadwall	42	
American Wigeon	26	15
Redhead	29	
Ring-necked Duck	31	15
Lesser Scaup	19	8
Common Goldeneye	175	25
Bufflehead		5
Hooded Merganser	2	15
Common Merganser	700	20
Red-breasted Merganser		5
Northern Harrier	1m2f	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1
Accipiter species	1	
Red-tailed Hawk	1	
Ferruginous Hawk	1	
Buteo species		2
Ring-necked Pheasant	2f	
Virginia Rail	3h	
American Coot	84	8
Killdeer	7	

Fall Trip to Costa Rica Report

The trip led by Dieter and Alicia Kamm (697-9681) took place from 25 November to 11 December 1994. Participants included Mary Bill Bauer, Barbara Bridges, Mindy Hetrick, Judith and Robert Miller, Diana and Don Mullineaux, Virginia Rommel, and Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. The itinerary included Jaco, Carara Biological Reserve, Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, Alajuela, Poas Volcano National Park, Selva Verde with boat trip on Sarapiquí River and successful owling in Puerto Rico, stop on Cerro de la Muerte, Quetzal Education Research Center of the Chacon family in San Gerardo de Dota, Manuel Antonio National Park.

All participants observed leisurely two Scarlet Macaws at their nesting site in Carara and various male and female Resplendent Quetzals right behind our cabins on Chacon's property. The group saw a total of 269 bird species. Per example, all these Costa Rican members of the Toucan family: Emerald Toucanet, Collared Aracari, Fiery-billed Aracari, Keel-billed Toucan, and Chestnut-mandibled Toucan were found with ease. The next trip is scheduled for July of this year.

SPECIES	3	4
	CCR	NWL
Ring-billed Gull	120	350
California Gull	10	5
Herring Gull	12	3
Black-legged Kittiwake	1	
Rock Dove	13	35
Great Horned Owl	1	
Belted Kingfisher	1	
Downy Woodpecker	1	1
Northern Flicker ("Red-shafted")	13	7
Black-billed Magpie	13	9
American Crow	1	6
Black-capped Chickadee	8	2
Brown Creeper		1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1
Townsend's Solitaire	1	2
American Robin	16	1
European Starling	86	45
American Tree Sparrow	14	
Song Sparrow	11	
White-crowned Sparrow	2	
Dark-eyed Junco		2
"Slate-colored" race	3	
"Oregon" race	2	
"Pink-sided" race	2	
Red-winged Blackbird	16	
House Finch	14	12
American Goldfinch	4	
House Sparrow	7	55
TOTAL SPECIES	46	33
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1784	3297

1994 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HIGHLIGHTS

By Dick Schottler, Compiler

December 17, 1994, Saturday, 0600-1700. Compiler: Dick Schottler. Feeder Coordinator: Patty Echelmeyer. Sky: Partly Cloudy; Temperature: 14° to 60°F; Wind: Variable 0 to 25 mph. Fresh Water: Partly Open. Will Food Crop: Fair. Observers: 106 (65 in 29 parties, 41 at 36 feeders). Total Party Hours: 207.25 (139.75 on foot, 67.5 by car). Total Party Miles: 714.5 (108.7 on foot, 605.8 by car). Total Count: 97 species; 34,649 individuals.

Participants by Area (Leaders underlined)

Area 1	Red Rocks Park (RRP)	William Brockner, LeaAnn Brown, <u>Robert Brown</u> , Donna Mattson, Roger Mattson, Helen Williams.
Area 2	Lower Bear Creek (LBC)	Lori Chappell, Patty Echelmeyer, Tom Hablitzel, Peter Mulholland, Diana Mullineaux, Ric Olson, <u>Mary Jane Schock</u> , <u>Bob Spencer</u> .
Area 2A	Bear Creek Lake Park (BCP)	<u>Kathy Hawkins</u> , Jack Reddall, Syl Sather.
Area 3	Bow Mar/Marston (BMM)	Tina Jones, Dianne Koshak, <u>Mortimer Staatz</u> .
Area 4A	Lower South Platte (LSP)	Virginia Bleck, Ruth Breckon, <u>Ed Holub</u> , Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink.
Area 4B	Lower South Platte (LSP)	Ursula Barsch, Molly O'Malley, <u>Dick Schottler</u> .
Area 5	Highline Ditch (HLD)	Lois Foreman, Betty Oliver, <u>Harold Oliver</u> , Donna Randolph.
Area 6	Plum Creek (PCK)	<u>Norman Erthal</u> , Larry Sanders.
Area 7A	Middle South Platte (MSP)	Walt Hackney, <u>Joey Kellner</u> , Steve Stachowiak.
Area 7B	Middle South Platte (MSP)	Peter Gillette, <u>Hugh Kingery</u> , Urling Kingery, Deb Ostergard.
Area 8	Chatfield SRA (CHA)	Doris Cruze, <u>Randy Lentz</u> .
Area 9	Upper South Platte (USP)	Carolyn Cooley, Judy Lane, Glen Meyers, <u>Joe Roller</u> .
Area 10	Lower Deer Creek (LDC)	Elizabeth Willcockson, <u>Lynn Willcockson</u> .
Area 11	Upper Deer Creek (UDC)	<u>Doug Ward</u> .
Area 12	Yegge Peak (YPK)	<u>Ann Bonnell</u> , Else Van Erp.
Area 13	Doublehead Mountain (DHM)	Jean Fredlund, Jim Fredlund, <u>David Laliberte</u> .
Area 14	North Turkey Creek (NTC)	<u>Doug Ward</u> .
Area 15	Indian Hills (IHL)	<u>Duane Nelson</u> .
Area 16	Upper Bear Creek (UBC)	<u>David Quesenberry</u> .
Area 17	Ken Caryl Ranch (KCR)	<u>Tony Leukering</u> .
Area 18	Garrison Gate (GGT)	<u>Chuck Aid</u> , Bob Righter.
Area 19	Morrison/Willow Bk (MWB)	<u>Jackie King</u> .
Area 20	Willow Creek (WCK)	Kurt Hebner, <u>Stacy Lyon</u> .
Area 21	Mt Lindo/Willow Spgs (MLW)	Marlene Eggerling, <u>Karleen Schofield</u> .

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1994 marked the 41st year the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) has been held by the Denver Field Ornithologists (and its predecessor, the Colorado Bird Club) in the 15-mile diameter count circle centered just north of the entrance to the old Ken Caryl Ranch. The total number of species seen on the 1994 Count was 97 (down from 100 in 1993), while the number of individual birds tallied was 34,649 (4,345 more than in 1993).

The most exciting, and probably most controversial, bird sighted this year was an adult **Harris' Hawk** spotted along the South Platte River in the Waterton Bridge area (Area 7A) by Joey Kellner and his crew. The hawk's behavior was very wary and nervous, not allowing close approach by observers. However, good enough looks were obtained to confirm that it was not banded and there were no jesses on its legs. The hawk was photographed by Joe Roller. If this Harris' Hawk is a true vagrant, it represents the first Colorado record for the species. However, captive-bred Harris' Hawks are very popular with falconers, including some in the Denver area, and the possibility that the bird was an escapee must be considered. The record and photographs will be submitted to the Colorado Records Committee for judgment.

While no other species were added to the cumulative count list this year, several species were seen that have been recorded only a few times previously, including Black-crowned Night-Heron, Rock Wren, Gray Catbird, Common Yellowthroat, and Common Grackle. Five **Black-crowned Night-Herons** were observed in Areas 4A and 4B along the South Platte. This species, which was only added to the count list in 1985, had only been recorded on five previous counts. However, 1994 marks the fourth year in a row they have been seen. A **Rock Wren** was well-heard calling from a rock wall along the South Platte in Area 4B, marking the ninth count on which this species has been tallied, the last in 1981. Also seen along the South Platte at Bowles Avenue was a male **Common Yellowthroat**. This is only the second record for the species on the CBC; the only previous sighting was in 1973. Feeder watchers also contributed to the list of unusual species seen this year. Doug Sacarto spotted a **Gray Catbird** visiting the birdbath in his yard for Denver's second CBC record (the first in 1988), and Connie McDonald saw a **Common Grackle** in her yard. Grackles had only been recorded on seven previous counts. I suspect the very warm weather for several weeks preceding the CBC was a contributing factor to the presence of some of these birds in the count circle in mid-December.

New maximum individual numbers were established for eight species in 1994. These were: **Black-crowned Night-Heron** (5; previous 4), **Northern Shoveler** (174; previous 94), **Bald Eagle** (19; previous 10), **Ferruginous Hawk** (14; previous 11), **American Coot** (857; previous 636), **Green-tailed Towhee** (2; previous 1), and **House Finch** (2,004; previous 1,925). Both Bald Eagle and crows (and Canada Geese) move long distances over large areas during a day so some duplication in counting these species is probably inevitable; however, it is evident that total numbers of these species have increased in the count area. Unusually high numbers were also recorded for **Lesser Scaup**, **Bufflehead**, **Hooded Merganser**, and **Common Raven**.

Two species were notable by their absence on this year's count. Both **Horned Lark** and **Cassin's Finch** were missed for only the second time since the count was established in 1954. Horned Larks had been seen every year except 1969, and Cassin's finches had been seen every year except 1959 (but only 5 were seen in 1993!). After being recorded on 37 of the first 38 counts, **Ring-necked Pheasants** were missed for the third year in a row. Loss of suitable habitat is probably responsible for the missing pheasants and larks and for the fewest (2) **Western Meadowlarks** recorded in 41 years. The number of **Black-billed Magpies** recorded (755) was the lowest since 1969.

The ten most numerous species on the 1994 count were:

1. Canada Goose (12,984)
2. European Starling (4,036)
3. House Finch (2,004)
4. Mallard (1,829)
5. Red-winged Blackbird (1,273)
6. Dark-eyed Junco (1,264)
7. House Sparrow (1,131)
8. American Crow (938)
9. American Coot (857)
10. Black-billed Magpie (755)

The Area 4A (Lower South Platte) party led by Ed Holub tallied the most species this year with 49, and Area 2 (Lower Bear Creek) led by Mary Jane Schock and Bob Spencer recorded the highest number of individuals (6,056).

Additional species observed in the count circle during "count week", but not seen on Count Day included Pacific Loon on Marston Reservoir, Eurasian Wigeon on the South Platte River at Bowles Avenue, and Golden-crowned Sparrow at Red Rocks Park.

As compiler of the Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to thank all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating in the 1994 Count. I want to say a special thanks to all of the Area Leaders whose efforts made the 1994 Denver Christmas Bird Count a success.

	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC
Pied-billed Grebe				10	2	1					3			
Western Grebe				1	2						2			
Double-crstd. Cormorant					4	1								
Great Blue Heron		1		1	2	9			3					
Black-crowned Night-Heron					3	2								
Snow Goose					1									
Canada Goose		3236	265	529	8140	710	169	38	105	757	620		625	
Wood Duck					11									
Green-winged Teal		3			54	65		3			5			
Mallard		302	42	157	620	355	3	14	15	10	60	25		
Northern Pintail		1			10	17					4	1		
Northern Shoveler		90		4	31	17					6	4		
Gadwall		22	1	9	46	29			10		3			
American Wigeon		46		8	61	25					1	10		
Canvasback				17										
Redhead				1							1	2		
Ring-necked Duck		4		67	22	15						12		
Lesser Scaup				132	12	1								
Common Goldeneye		8	12	67	26	47			9	4	35	14		
Bufflehead		3		15	30	68					2			
Hooded Merganser				44	3	2			4					
Common Merganser			1	12	50	18			30	11	105			
Ruddy Duck				7	3									
Bald Eagle	2	1	1	2	1				1		4	3	1	
Northern Harrier			1			1	1	1			1	1		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		3		1	1									
Cooper's Hawk														
Northern Goshawk								1						
Harris' Hawk									1					
Red-tailed Hawk														
Western races	1	11	4	1	3	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	
"Harlan's" race		2				1								
Ferruginous Hawk			1			1	1		1	1				
Rough-legged Hawk					1		2							
Buteo species														
Golden Eagle	3			1			2		1			2		
American Kestrel		10	2	6		3	3		1	1		2	3	
Merlin														
Prairie Falcon		1										1		
Falco species							1							
Blue Grouse														
Wild Turkey														
Virginia Rail								3	5	3				
American Coot		4		275	175	35			1		367			
Killdeer					7	4	3	1	1	3	2			
Common Snipe				7				1		9	1			
Ring-billed Gull		133	8	68	34	44	2	1			39			
California Gull		2									1			
Herring Gull				1	1	3				2	20			
Rock Dove	31	158	8	17	46	58	44	9	15		6	8	41	
Mourning Dove				1										
Great Horned Owl		4	1		1	2	2	3	5	6	2		3	
Northern Pygmy-Owl														1
Belted Kingfisher		9	1	7	6	9		2	5	5	3	1		

12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Feeders		Grand	
YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	KBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	Plains	Foothills	Total	
					1							16 5 5 17 5	Pied-billed Grebe Western Grebe Double-crstd. Cormorant Great Blue Heron Black-crowned Night-Heron
					78		55	681		866 23	110	12,984 34 130 1,829	Snow Goose Canada Goose Wood Duck Green-winged Teal Mallard
							18	44		164			
										22		33 174 121 151 17	Northern Pintail Northern Shoveler Gadwall American Wigeon Canvasback
										1 18		5 138 145 228 118	Redhead Ring-necked Duck Lesser Scaup Common Goldeneye Bufflehead
							6						
					1		1	1				53 227 10 19 8	Hooded Merganser Common Merganser Ruddy Duck Bald Eagle Northern Harrier
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					5 4 1 1			2 5		1		17 40 1 3 1	Golden Eagle American Kestrel Merlin Prairie Falcon <i>Falco</i> species
100		1 1										1 101 11 857 21	Blue Grouse Wild Turkey Virginia Rail American Coot Killdeer
					1 3		12	82		7		19 433 3 29 714	Common Snipe Ring-billed Gull California Gull Herring Gull Rock Dove
		10	8		39		13	32	1	148	22		
											1	1 29 2 48	Mourning Dove Great Horned Owl Northern Pygmy-Owl Belted Kingfisher

	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10	11
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC	UDC
Downy Woodpecker	3	7	4	4	1	5	2	5	1	10	2			1
Hairy Woodpecker														
Northern Flicker ("Red-shafted")	9	65	12	11	14	10	8	7	11	12	6	5	4	
Steller's Jay														10
Blue Jay		12		1	8	1								
Scrub Jay	28			1		2	1					13	9	2
Black-billed Magpie	25	121	23	40	80	50	27	15	17	66	20	35	18	
American Crow	9	25	15	5	4	4	88	2	75	63	12	52	36	
Common Raven	2	9	1	2			23	3		1	2	16	1	1
Black-capped Chickadee	34	79	12	2	11	17	9	32	44	71	23	30	14	3
Mountain Chickadee	1	3												20
Bushtit														
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1											2	15
White-breasted Nuthatch								3	3	3	2		1	5
Pygmy Nuthatch													7	20
Brown Creeper										1			1	2
Rock Wren						1								
Canyon Wren	1											2	2	
Marsh Wren									2					
American Dipper		1	3	2					4			1		
Golden-crowned Kinglet														
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1			2			1		1				
Townsend's Solitaire	26	3	1		5				1	3		6	3	2
American Robin	21	85	3	10	40	13						2	1	
Gray Catbird														
Cedar Waxwing		5												
Northern Shrike						2								1
European Starling	3	569	50	88	210	150	117	2	38	27	1	50	56	
Common Yellowthroat						1								
Green-tailed Towhee														
Rufous-sided Towhee	4	1								2				
American Tree Sparrow			34			1	16	90	1	36	2		35	
Song Sparrow	3	16	3	5	6	14		12	14	37	25	8	2	
Swamp Sparrow		1				1								
White-crowned Sparrow					6									
Harris' Sparrow									1					
Dark-eyed Junco		279						1	89		3			
"White-winged" race	5													
"Slate-colored" race	15		1			2	7		14	1		12		2
"Oregon" race	13	11	15			10	4		30	2		50	6	
"Pink-sided" race	21								45	5		32		
"Gray-headed" race	13									1		4	4	3
Red-winged Blackbird		20	1		4	200	172	31	7	258	1		26	
Western Meadowlark							1			1				
Common Grackle														
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch												1		
Unidentified rosy finch												29		
House Finch	42	462	65	125	120	63	65	7	5	17	18	26	11	
Red Crossbill														
Pine Siskin	3	10			1		6							1
American Goldfinch		11	8		1	1	11			12			6	
Evening Grosbeak														
House Sparrow		205		28	175	2	54	2					1	
TOTAL SPECIES	21	46	30	43	49	48	28	29	35	33	39	30	27	15
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	318	6056	599	1792	5097	3098	849	301	618	1447	1458	462	921	89

12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Feeders		Grand Total		
YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	KBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	Plains	Foothills			
3	1	1		2	1				2	15	13	83	Downy Woodpecker	
2	4	4	6			3				1	4	24	Hairy Woodpecker	
1	1	1	2	3	14	2	9	5	2	53	7	274	Northern Flicker ("Red-shafted")	
72	23	20	6	7		11	3				31	183	Steller's Jay	
	2				2					72		98	Blue Jay	
7	4	3	2	2	10	4	28		7	37	20	180	Scrub Jay	
16	5	15	11	8	13	3	25	34	5	71	12	755	Black-billed Magpie	
29	85	10	34	2	58	174	39	10	10	51	46	938	American Crow	
13	8	10	4	2	11	11	4	5	3	8	2	142	Common Raven	
18	5	35	3	6	13	4	8	8	23	107	31	642	Black-capped Chickadee	
65	83	100	25	4		129		3	2	8	31	474	Mountain Chickadee	
									15			15	Bushtit	
2	11	50	6			32					4	123	Red-breasted Nuthatch	
4	11	5	9			17	1		2	2	9	77	White-breasted Nuthatch	
15	33	70	53			113	6			2	27	346	Pygmy Nuthatch	
	2	12	5			3						26	Brown Creeper	
					2							1	Rock Wren	
												7	Canyon Wren	
												2	Marsh Wren	
												11	American Dipper	
1	2	3	3			6						14	Golden-crowned Kinglet	
3		15	20	8	8	4	8	3	17	3	4	7	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
1			8	6	10	2	3	15	1	34		143	Townsend's Solitaire	
										1		255	American Robin	
												1	Gray Catbird	
							1					5	Cedar Waxwing	
	22		76	6	407		70	1594		430	20	9	Northern Shrike	
							2					4,036	European Starling	
												1	Common Yellowthroat	
												2	Green-tailed Towhee	
	1		1			2	1			3	1	16	Rufous-sided Towhee	
			1	2	10		1	30		1	2	245	American Tree Sparrow	
								56				218	Song Sparrow	
										18		2	Swamp Sparrow	
												24	White-crowned Sparrow	
59	24		2	5	2					1		2	Harris' Sparrow	
			1							73	1	538	Dark-eyed Junco	
	1			5	2	2	9	1	4	2		8	"White-winged" race	
4		1		5	12	2	18		5	31	17	126	"Slate-colored" race	
										45	17	250	"Oregon" race	
	2				3				7	10	17	142	"Pink-sided" race	
27	13	35	2	5		23			7	30	33	200	"Gray-headed" race	
	10		10		102	76				355		1,273	Red-winged Blackbird	
												2	Western Meadowlark	
										1		1	Common Grackle	
											80	81	Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	
60	34	2	5	20	52	28	32	50	7	632	56	2,004	Unidentified rosy finch	
	8	2				4						14	House Finch	
19	94	160	5			26				17	60	402	Red Crossbill	
														Pine Siskin
20	6	5								30	17	97	American Goldfinch	
			6		45		10	97		506	23	54	Evening Grosbeak	
												1,131	House Sparrow	
21	25	25	25	15	31	23	29	27	18	38	27	107	TOTAL SPECIES	
541	496	572	314	98	924	682	391	2778	124	3904	720	34,649	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Pacific Loon 12/3 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP

Common Loon 12/3 (5) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP

12/21 and 12/22 (1) Marston Reservoir, Bow Mar, Jefferson County TJ

Yellow-billed Loon 12/17 to 12/25 (1i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BD, BG, BP, JP, JR, LD, MJ

Ross' Goose 12/1 (3) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick County DB

Greater White-fronted Goose 12/18 (10) Valco Ponds, Canon City, Fremont County BP, SW

Oldsquaw 12/23 (1f) Thorton Res., s. of East 88th Avenue & S. Platte R., Adams County KS, TM, VM

12/28 (1f) 88th Avenue & S. Platte River, Adams County BP, DS, GC

Red-breasted Merganser 12/13 through 12/15 (3) Marston Reservoir, Bow Mar, Jefferson County TJ

Northern Goshawk 12/10 (1a) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson County BoB, LaB

Harris' Hawk 12/20 (1a) Waterton Bridge, Jefferson County KS, JBH

12/28 (1a) Waterton Bridge, Jefferson County BP, DS, GC

Little Gull 12/1 to 12/3 (1, 1st winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, mo

Glaucous Gull 12/17 (1, 2nd winter plumage) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County DB

Lesser Black-backed Gull 12/20 (1a, winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP

Great Black-backed Gull 12/1 to 12/21 (1, 3rd winter plumage) Pueblo Res., Pueblo County BP, MJ, mo

12/19 (1, 3rd winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County KS

Barn Owl 12/17 (1) SW side of Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, VT

Western Screech-Owl 12/19 (1h) Florence, near Arkansas River, Fremont County RW, KS

Northern Pygmy-Owl 12/29 (1) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson County JRo

Long-eared Owl 12/10 (1i) Bonny Reservoir southside pond, Yuma County DB

Ladder-backed Woodpecker 12/19 (1) North of Canon City, Fremont County BP

Cordilleran Flycatcher 12/10 (1) Pueblo Nature Center, along Arkansas River, Pueblo Co. BP, MJ (F)

Pinyon Jay 12/19 (18) 8 miles south of Beaver Creek SWA, Fremont County KS

Swamp Sparrow 12/17 (3) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP, BG

Golden-crowned Sparrow 12/6 (1i) Pueblo Nature Center, Pueblo County BP

12/10 (1a) Red Rocks Park near Trading Post feeder, Jefferson County BoB

Lapland Longspur 12/31 (1,007) Holly, Prowers County BP, MJ

Rusty Blackbird 12/7 and 12/13 (2) Arkansas River near Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP

12/10 (1f) South Republican River, Yuma County DB

12/31 (19) Holly, Prowers County BP, DrS, MJ

Great-tailed Grackle 12/31 (12) Holly, Prowers County BP, DrS, MJ

* First State Record *

a = adult, f = female, F = rare bird form submitted, i = immature, h = heard only, w = winter plumage

BD = Bob Dickson, BG = Bob Goycoolea, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, DS = David Smith, DrS = Drew Smith (Minnesota), GC = Gary Conover, JBH = JB Hayes, JP = Jerry Poe, JR = John Rawinski, JR0 = Joe Roller, KS = Karleen Schofield, LaB = LeaAnn Brown, LD = Lisa DeMoss, MJ = Mark Janos, TM = Tim Mitzen, RW = Rosie Watts, SW = Sylvia Wheelock, VM = Vince Mitzen, VT = Van Truan

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
1994

	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Endowment/ Memorial Funds</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>		
Balance, 1/1/94	\$ 1,529.19		\$8,403.25	\$290.00
RECEIPTS				
1994 Membership dues				
Received in 1993	2,900.00			
Received in 1994	4,701.00			
Total	7,601.00	\$7,000.00		
Interest 452.99	300.00			
Colorado Bird Report	610.00	850.00		
Book Shop	482.56	500.00		
Contributions				
Memorial Fund				25.00
Endowment Fund				15,000.00
Offset Printing Costs	100.00			
Total Receipts	9,246.55	8,650.00	-	15,025.00
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	10,775.74	8,650.00	8,403.25	15,315.00
DISBURSEMENTS				
Printing/Mailing Lark Bunting	5,692.03	6,300.00		
Museum Membership	-	150.00		
Colorado Bird Report	660.83	1,110.00		
Book Shop	291.50	250.00		
Colorado Bird Atlas	200.00	200.00		
Liability Insurance	447.00	450.00		
YMCA Rental	-	35.00		
Honoraria	50.00	100.00		
Parmigan Award	144.56	100.00		
Transfer to Reserve Fund	96.75	97.00	(96.75)	
Miscellaneous	291.40	218.00		315.00
Total Disbursements	7,874.07	9,010.00	(96.75)	315.00
	2,901.67	(360.00)		
ADJUSTMENTS				
Membership Dues for 1994 -				
Received in 1993	(2,900.00)			
Membership Dues for 1995 -				
Received in 1994	1,245.00			
BALANCE, 12/31/94	\$1,246.67		\$8,500.00	\$15,000.00
Total Membership - 12/31/94 540 (up 17 from 1993)				
New Memberships - 1994 113				

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, February 4. *Cherry Creek State Park.* Leader: Sigurd Nelson (693-0118). Hopefully, we'll see incubating owls! Meet at 0800 at west gate of park (east of Cherry Creek High School at 9300 East Union). Half-day trip, lunch optional. Parks pass required.

Sunday, February 5. *South Platte Park.* Leader: Sherry Chapman (699-1351). Meet at 0830 at the Nature Center, 1 block west of Santa Fe (Hwy 85), just north of Mineral. Half-day trip, lunch optional. **THIS TRIP IS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR NOVICE BIRDERS & NEW MEMBERS.**

Friday, February 10. *South Platte River, 64th to 74th.* Leader: David Laliberte (297-2504). Meet at 0730 at the Broadway Park-and-Ride at NW corner of Hwy 224 and Broadway. Help David survey the birds on the Adopt-a-Platte from 64th to 74th with a possible side trip to the "hot spot" at 88th. Half-day trip, lunch optional.

Saturday, February 11. *Two ponds - Standley Lake - Mount Olivet.* Leader: David Rhoades (424-8633). Meet at 0800 in the NW corner of the Target parking lot on the SW corner of 80th & Wadsworth. Two ponds is a new area not yet open to the public - David has been doing surveys there. Half-day trip, lunch optional.

Saturday, February 11. *Chatfield State Park.* Leader: LeaAnn Brown (791-6204). Meet at 0800 at the west gate of the park on South Wadsworth. Half-day trip, lunch optional. Park pass required. **THIS TRIP IS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR NOVICE BIRDERS & NEW MEMBERS.**

Sunday, February 12. *3rd Annual Valentines Day trip (a little early) - Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area and Morgan Smith Nature Area in Brighton.* Leader: Karleen Schofield (936-8661). Meet at 0830 at the South Platte River parking lot, on the SE corner of 88th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. Bring lunch. **THIS TRIP IS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR NOVICE BIRDERS & NEW MEMBERS.**

Saturday, February 18. *Feeders in Littleton, Deer Creek, and Turkey Creek.* Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0800 west of King Soopers at NE corner of South Federal and Bellevue. Bring lunch.

Sunday, February 19. *Hamilton Reservoir.* Leader: Ron Ryder (1 303 482-8089). Carpool at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. Meet leader at 0830 at visitor's overlook on south side of Hamilton Reservoir (about 3 mi. west of I-25 at Exit 288, north of Fort Collins). Bring lunch.

Saturday, February 25. *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.* Leader: Ed Schaumburg (699-1721). Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. Bring lunch. **THIS TRIP IS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR NOVICE BIRDERS & NEW MEMBERS.**

Sunday, February 26. *Lake McConaughy, Nebraska.* Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Last year, 250 to 350 Bald Eagles were wintering here. It is a four-hour drive there (and a four-hour return trip). Meet at 0600 at the Broadway Park-and-Ride at the NW corner of Hwy 224 and Broadway. Vehicles will need to have a Nebraska State Parks Permit. Please call leader if planning to go. Bring lunch.

Sunday, February 26. *Golden Gate Canyon State Park.* Leader: Frances Sperl (426-4267). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on west side of Ward Road just north of I-70 and west 44th Road. This will be a trip to look for mountain birds: Mountain Chickadees, crossbills, nuthatches, and woodpeckers, so please dress very warmly and be prepared to hike through snow and ice. Bring lunch, park pass required.

Field Trips scheduled by: Jackie King (287-1644)

Editor's Corner

Well this month I have some sad news to report: as a result of my career path, I am going to have to step down as Editor of the *Lark Bunting*. This was a hard decision for me to make, but after much thought, I have come to the conclusion that I must hand the reins to someone else. For the past seven issues, I have been editing by long-distance, as I am presently consulting at a utility in Northern Ohio, and it has become too much for me to maintain indefinitely. If you would like to volunteer (or volunteer someone else!), please contact me or our President, Joey Kellner (at 978-1748). I will surely miss doing the *Lark Bunting*, and I would like to express my thanks to the many DFO members who have been extremely supportive throughout my tenure as Editor. In the meantime if you have any input, drop me a line or leave a message at 273-9230. Thanks again!



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 1, 1994

PROGRAM: Landscaping for Birds
By DFO member Tina Jones

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

January 1995 Field Trip Summary

January 7, Saturday (VMT)

Valmont Reservoir, and Boulder Creek at 75th Street. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: George Armbrust, Carol Cushman, Raymond Davis, Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Jake Edge, Marlene Eggerling, Myriam Friggens, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Steve Litz, Elizabeth Mekkelsen, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Bob Spencer, Helga and Jay Sproul, Mort Staatz, Cate Werner, Amy Young. (Partly cloudy; Wind W 0 to 20 mph; 32 to 48°F). 4.5 mi by car, 1.5 mi on foot. 0900-1400. 43 species; 2,478 individuals.

January 8, Sunday (WLU)

Ward, Lyons, and Union reservoir. Leader: Marlene Eggerling. Observers: George Armbrust, Myriam Friggens, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Peter Lowen, Myron and Suzi Plooster, John Tumasonis, Amy Young. (Partly Cloudy; Wind 40 mph; 25° to 45°F). 102 mi by car, 0.5 mi on foot. 0830-1600. 30 species; 2,455 individuals.

January 14, Saturday (SPR)

South Platte River and Adams County. Leader: David Laliberte. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Lathe Claflin, Peggy Gonder, Colin Hanning, Ed Holub, Bill Huntley, Eric Lindberg, Colleen Marley, Alberta Nelson, Calaine Ohmert, Frances Sperl, Eleanor White. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind S 0 to 18 mph; 27° to 61°F). 50 mi by car, 1.25 mi on foot. 0800-1630. 40 species; 2,083 individuals.

January 15, Sunday (FTC)

Fort Collins area, including Edora Park, Poudre river north and south of Prospect Road (WREN and Flatiron sites), Spring Canyon Dam, Horsetooth Reservoir, residential areas, and Wellington SWA. Leaders: David Leatherman and David Ely. Observers: Jon Bowser, June and Alex Cringan, Marlene Eggerling, Myriam Friggens, Alan and Dee Hay, Tim Mitzen, Bob and Marty Montgomery, Peter Mulholland, Suzi and Myron Plooster, Karleen Schofield. (Clear and sunny; Wind 2 to 6 mph; 48° to 60°F). 42 mi by car, 3.75 mi on foot. 0830-1730. 40 species; 1,171 individuals.

January 21, Saturday (BDR)

Boulder area. Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster. Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Jean Frazier, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Alan and Dee Hay, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Peter Lowen, Peter Mulholland, Karleen Schofield, Chuck Walters, Amy Young. (Clear; Wind N to E 0 to 10 mph; 30° to 40°F). 20 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0930-1730. 48 species; 1,164 individuals.

January 22, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Peter Lowen. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Calaine Ohmert, Karleen Schofield. (Clear; Calm; 5° to 35°F). 5 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0830-1330. 35 species; 1,509 individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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January Field Trips, continued

January 28, Saturday (USP)
Urban South Platte River. Leader: Kitty Albee.
Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Margie Mills, Claudina Hruby, Karleen Schofield. (Overcast; Wind N 0 to 2 mph; 30° to 37°F). 6 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0830-1230. 29 species; 1,328 individuals.

January 29, Sunday (PBL)
Pueblo area. Leader: David Silverman.
Observers: George Armbrust, Joyce Bowles, Leon Bright, Gail Evans, Dave and Linda Groat, Dave Johnson, Peter Lowen, Sue Mahan, SeEtta Moss, Brandon Percival, Pearle Sandstrom, Cliff Smith, Bob Spencer, Jim and Rosie Watts, John and Mark Yaeger, Amy Young. (Cloudy AM, clear PM; Wind E 0 to 5 mph; 20° to 36°F). 20 mi by car, 4 mi on foot. 0900-1630. 71 species; 3,026 individuals.

Tuesday Birders - December and January
December 6, *Chatfield arboretum.* (CHA).
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.
(Overcast; Wind SE 3 mph; 30° to 33°F).
0930-1300. 19 species; 324 individuals.

December 13, *Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.* (WGB).
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers.
(Sunny; Calm; 28°F). 0930-1230.
31 species; 1,482 individuals.

January 10, *South Platte Park - north and south along Platte River and river front* (SPP).
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 42 observers.
(Partly sunny; Wind 5 to 10 mph; 46° to 63°F).
0930-1330. 40 species; 721 individuals.

January 17, *Platte River and 88th Ave.* (P88).
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.
(Partly cloudy; Wind N 0 to 5 mph; 40° to 55°F).
0930-1330. 32 species; 1,869 individuals.

January 24, *Barbour Ponds to Union Reservoir to Jim Hamm Pond* (BUJ).
Leaders: Ferd and Jo Dirckx. 30 observers.
(Sunny; Wind SE 4 mph; 30° to 48°F).
0930-1300. 34 species; 9,482 individuals.

January 31, *Rocky Mountain Arsenal* (RMA).
Leader: Urling Kingery. 50 observers.
(Sunny; Wind NW 0 to 5 mph; 45° to 55°F).
0900-1200. 25 species; 417 individuals.

Also included in Table 1:
Results from the **Barr Lake CBC** (BLC) of 1994:
Participants: Chuck Aid, Jim Bradley, Mike Carter, Tony Leukering, Calaine Ohmert, Dave Rhoades.
(Clear; Wind 0 to 10 mph; 10 to 20°F). 0700-1630.
57 species; 22,157 individuals.

SPECIES	1/7	1/8	1/14	1/15	1/21	1/22	1/28	1/29	12/6	12/13	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31	1/1	SPECIES
	VMT	WLU	SPR	FTC	BDR	CCR	USP	PBL	CHA	WGB	SPP	P88	BUJ	RMA	BLC	
Common Loon								1								Common Loon
Yellow-billed Loon								2								Yellow-billed Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	11		4		2	1	3	4			3	1			1	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe	9				1	1										Horned Grebe
Western Grebe	8				8	1		4								Western Grebe
American White Pelican															2	American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	5				5	1		8								Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	8		1	1	10		7		1		2	1	1	1	1	Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron											1id					Black-crowned Night-Heron
Trumpeter Swan	3															Trumpeter Swan
Snow Goose								30								Snow Goose
"Blue" morph													1			"Blue" morph
Ross' Goose													1			Ross' Goose
Canada Goose	1800	800	136	500	175	692	680	350	250	800	380	175	6000	275	5285	Canada Goose
Wood Duck								40								Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	18		46	20	64	95	12			4	6	100	2		11	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	185	1000	158	75	100	27	89	165		350	40	75	3000	5	399	Mallard
Northern Pintail	16		59				9	15			1	350	4		93	Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler	12		304			1	110			50	1	500			55	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	16		68			18	19	20		7	26	125	2		77	Gadwall
Eurasian Wigeon				1m							1					Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon			306	30	2	12		75			17	3	7			American Wigeon
Canvasback	8		10		40					3					11	Canvasback
Redhead	45		4		22	129		20		5					11	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	30		40		16			40			13	105			162	Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	2		10		8			2		4					31	Lesser Scaup
Oldsquaw								2				1				Oldsquaw
Common Goldeneye	24	6	61		8	4	17	600		10	17	200		2	7	Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye								5								Barrow's Goldeneye
Bufflehead			10				5	60			41	24				Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser	9		1		50	1		6			7					Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser	27	30	6	3	150	55	2	11			8	2	80		23	Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser	4				2			6			3					Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck			1					3			1	1				Ruddy Duck
Bald Eagle	2a2i	4	2	5	3a2i			19	1			1	5	7	4a7i	Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier				10		2		1							10	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1				1								Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk					1										1	Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk																Northern Goshawk
Accipiter species				1												Accipiter species
Red-tailed Hawk		1			12	3	2	12	1		1	3	7	4	21	Red-tailed Hawk
Western races	1		5	2												Western races
"Harlan's" race													1			"Harlan's" race
"Krieger's" race			1													"Krieger's" race
Ferruginous Hawk	2		2		3						1		3	2	13	Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk	1				2								1	1	9	Rough-legged Hawk

SPECIES	1/7	1/8	1/14	1/15	1/21	1/22	1/28	1/29	12/6	12/13	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31	1/1	SPECIES
	VMT	WLU	SPR	FTC	BDR	CCR	USP	PBL	CHA	WGB	SPP	P88	BUJ	RMA	BLC	
<i>Buteo</i> species			1	1	1				1							<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle	1	2		2										1	4	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	2	4	1	4	5	2		1		1	2	2	7	1	21	American Kestrel
Merlin	1											1			2	Merlin
Peregrine Falcon																Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon			1	1							1				6	Prairie Falcon
<i>Falco</i> species		1														<i>Falco</i> species
Ring-necked Pheasant														18	5	Ring-necked Pheasant
Scaled Quail								25								Scaled Quail
Virginia Rail						1+2h										Virginia Rail
American Coot	125		30		40	361	3	40		3	10	15	3	2		American Coot
Killdeer	1		2			3	1	7		1	1	3			5	Killdeer
Common Snipe										2					5	Common Snipe
Ring-billed Gull	17		250	20	150	27	27	750		30	23	100	40		4	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull								2			1					California Gull
Herring Gull	1			3	3	22	2	37			1					Herring Gull
Thayer's Gull				1fw												Thayer's Gull
Great Black-backed Gull								1								Great Black-backed Gull
Unidentified gull														10	1	Unidentified gull
Rock Dove	20	100	21	45	8	3	41	50	1	20		50	18	6	143	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove								1								Mourning Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl										1						Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl				1				3	4	1			2	1	8	Great Horned Owl
Short-eared Owl				4												Short-eared Owl
Belted Kingfisher	4	1	2	2		2	3	7		2	5	2	1		1	Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker					1	1		4	1		1		3		6	Downy Woodpecker
Eastern races	1															Eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker								1							3	Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker ("Red-shafted")			5	15	8	5	3	16	1	8	3	3	10	12	19	Northern Flicker ("Red-shafted")
Horned Lark						5		45					37		8913	Horned Lark
Tree Swallow									1							Tree Swallow
Steller's Jay		2														Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	1			1	7			11		1			2		1	Blue Jay
Scrub Jay					1											Scrub Jay
Clark's Nutcracker		1														Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	7	3	32	5	15	10	11	38	4	30	12	4	5	35	176	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow		50	3	5	5	2	5	5	3	10			1			American Crow
Common Raven	6	2			2		1	1	3		2					Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee		1	26	3	14	1	4	36	5	25	13	2	6	1	55	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee		3			6											Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch					2			3								Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch					4											White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch					6											Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper					1			4							1	Brown Creeper
Bewick's Wren								7								Bewick's Wren
Canyon Wren				2												Canyon Wren

SPECIES	1/7 VMT	1/8 WLU	1/14 SPR	1/15 FTC	1/21 BDR	1/22 CCR	1/28 USP	1/29 PBL	12/6 CHA	12/13 WGB	1/10 SPP	1/17 P88	1/24 BUJ	1/31 RMA	1/1 BLC	SPECIES
Winter Wren				1				1								Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet								4								Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					5			8		2						Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mountain Bluebird								4								Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire				2	2			13								Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin				60	2	1	2	16			2				5	American Robin
Curve-billed Thrasher								1								Curve-billed Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing				15												Cedar Waxwing
Northern Shrike	1		1									1			5	Northern Shrike
Loggerhead Shrike								1								Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	25	350	405	250	150	8	150	135		50	15	10	75	8	2354	European Starling
Yellow-rumped Warbler								14								Yellow-rumped Warbler
Rufous-sided Towhee								2								Rufous-sided Towhee
Canyon Towhee								7								Canyon Towhee
American Tree Sparrow			2	5		7			15		3				148	American Tree Sparrow
Field Sparrow															1	Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow	2		4	5		16	4	17	1	7	3	5	10	2	122	Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow															1	Swamp Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow			3					52						1	2	White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race				3												"Gambel's" race
Dark-eyed Junco					21		1	68	8	3		1		7		Dark-eyed Junco
"Slate-colored" race		6													11	"Slate-colored" race
"Oregon" race		6		10											50	"Oregon" race
"Pink-sided" race				3												"Pink-sided" race
"Gray-headed" race															1	"Gray-headed" race
Lapland Longspur															48	Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting															4	Snow Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird	4		3	15	20	18		4		4	39		40	1	1396	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark		3											5	2	110	Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird			20								1				55	Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle															17	Common Grackle
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		50														Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
Black Rosy Finch		1														Black Rosy Finch
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		4														Brown-capped Rosy Finch
House Finch		3	36	25	12		14	48		25	10	3	2	7	302	House Finch
Pine Siskin		4														Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch		6		3	1			10	2	3					14	American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak		8														Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	10	2		10	50		18	12		20			60		1897	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	43	28	41	40	48	35	29	71	17	31	40	32	34	24	58	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2478	2454	2083	1171	1164	1509	1328	3026	305	1482	718	1869	9442	412	22156	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Hey folks! There's a new organization in town called Hawkwatch Colorado. It's an independent, non-profit, volunteer-oriented organization started by DFO member (and Colorado RBA Coordinator) Duane Nelson. The first major project of Hawkwatch Colorado will be to continue the work at the Dakota Hogback started by Duane in 1990. To that end, a study site has been chosen, and initial data gathering (by the time you read this) has begun. The site is 200 yards south of the Alameda crossing. Initial hours for the project will be from 10 to 3, with additional time being added as needed and as the season progresses. For more information, call Duane at 277-9748. To volunteer, just show up at the site.

The following poem submitted by DFO Director (and Field Trip Consultant) Karleen Schofield was written by her when she started keeping a life list sometime in 1992.

A BIRDER'S LIST

*Are those Chickadees hopping beneath that tree?
I'll mark the Black-capped variety
On my annual list,
If you insist,
But, oh, it's a bother to me.*

*Avifauna I behold are delightful indeed,
And lists are a part of the birder's creed.
So, with pencil and pad
This sighting I'll add
To the others; now, how many more do I need?*

*The White-tailed Ptarmigan made two hundred-sixty;
Yet, braving the snow and cold can be risky.
Do I draw the line
At two hundred ninety-nine,
Or do I pursue three hundred more briskly?*

*The answer may vary, but since playing this "game",
It's certain my life will never be the same.
With lists incomplete,
And failures replete'
My future will hold neither fortune nor fame.*

Field trip leaders David Leatherman and David Ely sent a great letter to the Editor about their trip on January 15 to the Fort Collins area. In the letter, they express their appreciation to the DFO members in attendance for their demeanor. They continue, "They are most enjoyable to be around and in our minds exemplify what is right about birding: a quest for bird knowledge; ethical behavior towards the environment and each other; fun; and the encouragement of youth. They were 'gung-ho' about seeing birds, but when we could not find a particular target species, at no time did we sense a feeling of disappointment (as we have with some groups). They hiked about 3.75 miles and never complained. Going down the rocky face of Spring Canyon Dam at Horsetooth Reservoir in search of the "no-show" Rufous-crowned Sparrow was no easy walk. Everybody did it." They conclude by saying "the DFO is doing a lot of good. Keep it up. Feel free to contact us in the future about participating in other trips." It sounds to the Editor like it was a great trip, and like the leaders were pretty good, too. Thanks David and David!

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Howard and Kathy Dressel report the sighting of a Northern Shrike on New Year's Day in their yard. They observed the bird as it sat in an aspen approximately 12 feet away from their window. As they watched, the shrike flew down from its lookout perch and grabbed a mouse in its bill. Still alive, the mouse was carried up onto a nearby rock, where it was dispatched with two sharp pecks. The shrike looked around, flew the mouse up to a bush, and impaled it on a short twig. Within 45 minutes, the shrike had impaled another mouse in the same bush. The Dressels own two local Wild Bird Centers, and have a lot of bird feeders in their yard, but they don't often attract shrikes!

Guanella Pass Reminder

The Clear Creek County Commissioners have designated the Guanella Pass Road in Clear Creek County as a secondary #2 road for winter maintenance. This means that the road may be temporarily closed for up to three days following a major storm or snowfall. This closure applies to the portion of the road south of the Cabin Creek Power Plant.

Clear Creek County's Denver metro area telephone number is 534-5777. DFO members may call the County Road Department regarding the status of the Pass Road (recording). Those phoning long distance can try 1 (303) 569-3251 if the Denver number is busy.

The 1995 Colorado Pelican Festival will be held April 28 through 30 in Greeley. Field trips, programs, workshops, a banquet, and nature art are just a few of the high points - and don't miss the walk-like-a-pelican contest. For full information, write:

Platte and Prairie Audubon Society
PO Box 3354

Greeley, CO 80333

or call 303 330-5082 or 303 351-0166

Susan Ward reports a nesting pair of Red Crossbills in January on Prospect Mountain near Estes Park. The birds performed some apparent courtship activities around the week of the 8th, and were seen carrying nesting material then also. On the 18th, the female was observed sitting on the nest as though incubating, and on the 22nd the male was seen bringing food to the female who then appeared to be feeding nestlings. Unfortunately, no activity was observed after that, and it appears that the attempt was probably unsuccessful.

Prairie Chicken and Grouse Update

submitted by Marlene Eggerling

Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) personnel, Jennifer Slater at Springfield and Jim Dennis at Fort Collins furnished the following information.

Lesser Prairie-Chicken. The Campo lek area burned in July 1994 as a result of a lightning strike. Ms. Slater stated the chickens may not return to the lek this spring. The DOW won't know until late March when the chickens begin to display. She will contact Marlene Eggerling in early April with further information. There are an estimated 1500 pairs of Lesser Prairie-Chickens in three areas in Colorado — east of Campo; east of Eads near the Sand Creek Massacre Site; and about 15 miles east of Lamar to the Kansas border.

Greater Prairie-Chicken. The DOW is monitoring an introduced population on private property just west of Jackson Reservoir. These birds are very skittish and are not established well enough for public viewing. The DOW conducts trips to a viewing blind near Wray each year. Dates for 1995 are March 31, April 1, 8, 9, 22, and 23. The cost of \$25.00 per person includes a program the evening before the trip and breakfast after the trip. They also offer a \$110.00 per person package which includes a steak dinner, program, lodging, trip to lek, breakfast, and a visit to an exotic/wild bird "farm". For reservations, call the Wray Museum at 303 332-5063. Extensive oil drilling and the construction of a new hospital have created a lodging problem in Wray. the DOW brochure lists motels and reservations should be made a month in advance. Trip reservations should be made immediately.

Sage Grouse. Jim Dennis said the population in North Park is declining and the birds have become more skittish. The DOW has erected barriers at the lek at Coalmont so parking and viewing is from a greater distance than in past years. The DOW viewing blind will be in North Park on April 29, 30 and May 6, 7. The exact site — Coalmont, Delaney Buttes, or on private property will depend on the presence of grouse. The cost is \$25.00. Final arrangements have not been made, but reservations will probably be handled by the Walden Chamber of Commerce. Call the Fort Collins DOW at 303 484-2836 for more details.

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Common Loon 1/12 through 1/29 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, KS, ME, mo

Yellow-billed Loon 1/9 through 1/29 (up to 2i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, mo

1/12 (2i) Pueblo reservoir, Pueblo County KS, ME

1/30 (2) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County MP, SP

Tundra Swan 1/14 (3i) Uncompahgre, Montrose County BG, NG

Trumpeter Swan 1/16 (3) Arvada Reservoir, C93 and 68th Avenue, Jefferson County KS

Greater Scaup 1/13 (1m) Prospect Park Lake, Jefferson County KS

Oldsquaw 1/12 (2) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County KS, ME

1/14 through 1/29 (up to 1wam and 3i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, mo

Barrow's Goldeneye 1/10 through 1/29 (up to 3m, 1i, 1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, mo

1/14 (1m) South Platte River at 78th Avenue, Adams County KS

Red-breasted Merganser 1/4 (1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP

1/21 (1m, 1f) Prospect Park Lake, Jefferson County BoB

Ruddy Duck 1/1 (1f) Runyon Lake, Pueblo County BP, MY

Bald Eagle 1/22 (1) Prospect Mountain, Larimer County SW

Northern Goshawk intermittently throughout January (1i) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ

Merlin 1/7 (4) Sand Creek SNA, Sedgwick County DB

Peregrine Falcon 1/12 (1a) South Platte near 88th Avenue, Denver County JR

1/14 (1a) South Platte River at 78th Avenue, Adams County KS

Gyr Falcon, gray morph 1/7 (1a) St. Vrain Rd., w of Jim Hamm NA, Boulder Co. BD, BP, DS, MJ, mo

Sharp-tailed Grouse 1/7 (2) East of Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick County DB

Wild Turkey 1/1 (30) 39.5 Lane, Vineland, Pueblo County BP

1/26 (9) Kerr Gulch, near C-74, Jefferson County KS

Virginia Rail 1/6 (2) Cherry Creek Marsh, Arapahoe County DB

Thayer's Gull 12/30 (1wa) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ

Great Black-backed Gull 1/9 thru 1/29 (1, 3rd winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, mo

1/30 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County MP, SP

Mourning Dove 1/1 to 1/31 (5 to 32) Feeder/yard on Gladiola Street, Golden, Jefferson County RS

Long-eared Owl 1/14 (5) Bonny State Reservoir, southside pond, Yuma County DB

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1/24 (1i) Golden, Jefferson County KS

Gray Jay 1/2 (2) Wet Mountains, Custer County BP

Plain Titmouse 1/28 (2) Juniper Breaks Campground, Pueblo County BP

1/30 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County MP, SP

Bewick's Wren 1/2 (2) Arkansas River at Runyon Lake, Pueblo County BP

Winter Wren 1/29 (1) West 16th Drive (Applewood area), Jefferson County JR

1/29 (1) East of Olive Marsh, along Arkansas River, Pueblo County BP, mo

Golden-crowned Kinglet 1/2 (2) Beulah, Pueblo County BP

Eastern Bluebird 1/18 (1) Grand Junction, Mesa County BG, NG

Northern Mockingbird 1/1 through 1/31 (1) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ

Gray Catbird 1/2 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan County JR

Sage Thrasher 1/14 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP

Curve-billed Thrasher 1/8 through 1/29 (1 to 2) Harmony Drive, Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP, mo

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Bohemian Waxwing 1/3 (30) Juniper Drive, Larimer County SW
 1/13 (9) Juniper Drive, Larimer County SW
 1/18 (300) Prospect Mountain Loop, Larimer County SW
 1/21 (300) Rocky Mountain National Park near Cub House trailhead, Larimer County SW
 1/27 (50) Prospect Mountain, Larimer County SW
 Cedar Waxwing intermittently throughout Jan. (up to 19) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
 Green-tailed Towhee 1/23 (1) Crown Hill, Jefferson County WF
 Rufous-sided Towhee 1/2 (1) Prospect Mountain Loop, Larimer County SW
 White-throated Sparrow 1/26 (1a, tan-striped morph) Chicago Creek Road, Clear Creek County KS
Golden-crowned Sparrow 1/2 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan County JR
 1/21 (1) Red Rocks Park, near feeder at Trading Post, Jefferson County BoB
 Dark-eyed Junco, "White-winged" race 1/14 (1) Spring Drive, Boulder, Boulder County MP, SP
 Lapland Longspur 1/11 and 1/15 (3) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 Rusty Blackbird 1/12 (1) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP
 Common Grackle 1/1 (4) Muir Springs, Morgan County DB, MN
 Brown-headed Cowbird 1/1 (1m) Courtner Road, Pueblo County BP
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 1/20 (part of 210) Ward, Boulder County MP, SP
 Brown-capped Rosy Finch 1/20 (part of 210) Ward, Boulder County MP, SP
 Black Rosy Finch 1/20 (1) Ward, Boulder County MP, SP
 Red Crossbill 1/21 (1) Mount Falcon Park, Jefferson County BoB
 1/26 (14) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek County JR

BD = Bob Dickson, BG = Bob Gustafson, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, DS = David Silverman, JR = Joe Roller,
 KS = Karleen Schofield, LB = Leon Bright, ME = Marlene Eggerling, MJ = Mark Janos, MN = Mark Nikas, mo = many others,
 MY = Mark Yeager, NG = Nancy Gustafson, RS = Bob Spencer, SW = Susan Ward, TJ = Tina Jones, WF = Warren Finch

a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, n = on nest, w = winter plumage

Alex Cringan sends word that the WREN site, where the DFO trip on 15 January saw the Winter Wren, is in the process of being bought by the city of Fort Collins, who are turning it from a gravel pit into a wetland. The site is named for the current owner WREN Broadcasting Company in Kansas. The 37-acre site was an active gravel mine for 15 years, but is now on its way to being a nice bit of wildlife habitat. The city is buying the property for 35,000, and expects to pay an additional \$25,000 to \$30,000 to enhance the site for wildlife. —Information derived from an article in the December "Colorado Water".

Editor's Corner

Well, folks, it's getting late. Someone is going to have to step up and volunteer for the job as Editor of the *Lark Bunting*. While the job pays no money, it is very rewarding. It is a job that is great for a retired person, but could also be performed by one or two working people (perhaps a married couple?). It requires at least 30 hours per month, and could, of course, benefit from more than that (unfortunately I have been unable to devote much more in my tenure). Anyway, the bottom line is — I live in Ohio now, and will for the foreseeable future. This means I must give up editing the *Lark Bunting*. So far, at press time, however, I have had no volunteers. I do not wish to see this newsletter stop, but I will be unable to continue indefinitely. So, dear reader, this is a call for you to help out and take on this responsibility. To volunteer, please call Joey Kellner at 978-1748 or leave me a message at 273-9230.

DFO Members' Birding Adventures in 1994

by Gail Evans

A Note from the compiler, Gail Evans: I want to thank all those who took the time to share their 1994 birding travels and exploits with other club members. For those many other "birders extraordinaire" in the DFO, those too modest to contact me, think of this not as "blowing your own horn" but as giving comfort and encouragement to the rest of us. If we can't do it all, we like to read about it! We too spend our precious free time determinedly tramping about the countryside in all weather, eyes peeled for new and familiar birds while ever wary of possible encounters with frostbite, sunburn, ticks, and rattlesnakes. Ah, the joys of birding in Colorado, a state like no other!

Marlene Eggerling reported seeing 11 species of owl last year, the most exciting of which was a Short-eared Owl which flew over their boat while on a pelagic trip off Monterey, California. Some owls enjoy pelagic trips too, it seems. Her most arduous adventure was walking the two-mile Snake Bight Trail in Florida's Everglades National Park, "enveloped by mosquitoes and soaked with sweat." Yes, she did see the Greater Flamingo, but she also considered staying out on the observation platform in Florida Bay until mosquito season ended. She recorded 415 species for the year, 278 in Colorado.

Warren Finch, the intrepid birder, saw his world list surpass 1,200 species in 1994. In a lifetime of birding he has visited 34 foreign countries, and says that while he is looking forward to sometime taking part in an organized tour, so far all of his foreign birding has been done alone. In 1994, he wrote down 358 species; 216 in Colorado, and the rest in England, the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Canada, and Argentina. His new North American bird for the year was the Connecticut Warbler seen for the first time in the Shirley Bay area, Ottawa.

Walt Hackney finished the year with 302 species seen in Colorado, a highly enviable record which he says he knows he will not improve on for many years to come. In his own words: "The highlight of the year was also a very humbling experience. Serving as driver for Joey Kellner and Chris Wood on their record Big Day, May 15th, still has my head spinning. A typical exchange at 60 mph as a blur flew by: Joey-'get that?' Chris-'Yah, good one!' Walt-'Huh?' I only missed 16 of their birds which I thought was fairly good under the circumstances. Not seeing the Field Sparrow and Summer Tanager (do these really exist?) still hurt, though." Walt says he is looking forward to joining everyone for some LEISURELY birding in '95.

JB Hayes tallied 418 species for a very good year, which afforded opportunities not only close to home but also to Wisconsin, California, Texas, and Florida. Florida was especially rewarding with trips to the Everglades, Keys, and Dry Tortugas. Upon reflection, JB reported that his highlight among many during the year occurred last February when he unexpectedly came upon a Gyrfalcon sitting on a telephone pole 1/4 mile east of Main Street in Longmont.

Ed Holub admits he is fortunate in that he is able to combine his frequent business trips with birding adventures. Last year his work took him to Seattle, Maine, Massachusetts, and the Texas Gulf Coast. All this traveling enabled him to find 11 new life birds while focusing his binoculars on 362 total species. The Eurasian Wigeon was his new Colorado bird for the year, & his total life list now stands at 527 birds.

Brandon Percival of Pueblo reports that he went birding on the Eastern plains every weekend last spring and was rewarded by finding 30 species of warblers, including a rare Prairie Warbler at Hasty Campground, and a Hooded warbler at Lamar Community College. On May 7th, Brandon and Van Truan went on a Big Day and recorded 156 species, all in Southeastern Colorado. He also had a great time at the ABA convention in North Dakota in June, and still remembers his surprise upon discovering a Reddish Egret on Lake Holbrook in September. Brandon's dauntless efforts yielded him an incredible 349 species seen in Colorado in 1994. This included 17 new birds which brought his Colorado life list to 398, a mind-boggling achievement especially for a birder who graduated from high school less than a year ago.

Myron Plooster of Boulder, with wife, Suzi, saw 390 birds in Colorado and 3 adjoining states: New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas. They went to Bosque del Apache NWR, NM in January, with CFO to Grand Junction in March, on Bob Righter's trip to Arizona in May, to the CFO convention in Trinidad in June, on Dan Bridges' trip to Southeastern Colorado in September, and to the first annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival in Harlingen, Texas in November. Myron found 77 new birds last year including Vermilion and Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, both of which he never got tired of studying. His most memorable discovery was an exceptionally rare Olivaceous Cormorant among the many Double-crested Cormorants which nested on Ireland Reservoir in June.

Suzi Plooster is still fuming over the fact that Myron saw one more Colorado bird last year than she did. However, she did pass a huge milestone with the recording of her 500th species in the lower 48 states; a White-tailed Hawk seen on the way to the Aransas NWR in Texas in November (Myron still has 50 to go). Suzi is president of the Boulder Bird Club and keeps a Boulder County life list which includes 236 species (I wonder how many other DFO members keep county lists). She recorded 284 Colorado species in '94, the same number as in '93, just different birds. She conjectures that this number may turn out to be the apex of her Colorado bird listing career.

Karleen Schofield, the fearless explorer, spent 197 days in the field in 1994. Her efforts were rewarded with the sighting of 313 bird species in Colorado. Highlights were Mourning Warbler, Black Swift, Sprague's Pipit, Acorn Woodpecker, and Harris' Hawk. A trip to Washington, via Montana, enabled her to find Boreal Chickadee, Harlequin Duck, Red-breasted Sapsucker, and Trumpeter Swan. However, the most memorable event of the year by far was a trip to Majorca, an island off the east coast of Spain. While there, she recorded 114 species, an incredible 93 of which were life birds. A few favorites were the Hoopoe (how do you say that, I wonder?), Egyptian Vulture, Eleanora's Falcon, Scops Owl, Bee-eater, Woodchat Shrike, Blue and Blue Rock Thrush, and Golden Oriole. Although Karleen was birding alone on the island, she found other birders visiting the area were friendly and helpful, especially the British. "But then," she says, "twitchers (British for birders) around the world are a friendly lot, aren't they?"

Joyce Takamine is a long-time birder and DFO member who makes her home in Los Alamos, NM. However, she visits her father in Denver about once a month and always plans her trips north to include interesting DFO outings. The highlight of her year was a long-awaited trip to Alaska where she saw 30 new birds including a Spectacled Eider near Barrow, which was her 600th North American bird. Congratulations, Joyce.

[Ed note -- And thanks to Gail for another great job. With this article, Gail has gone out of her way, over and above her duties as Secretary of the DFO, to point out some of the club's interesting members. Thanks again, Gail.]

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

March 4, Saturday. **Rocky Mountain Arsenal.** Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Interested participants must call leader in advance for details.

March 5, Sunday. **North Boulder County** including Rabbit Mountain. Leader: Ray Davis (1 303 823-5332). Good area for raptors. Carpool at 0745 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of US Department of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left; turn left again at next light; cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds). + ø

March 11, Saturday. **Northwest Denver Lakes.** Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet leader at 0830 at northwest corner of Sloan's Lake. ø

March 12, Sunday. **Bear Creek** — plains to mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of South Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden). Do not wear tennis shoes on this trip. £

March 18, Saturday. **Northwest Colorado,** visiting various reservoirs and wooded areas. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 0630 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

March 19, Sunday. **Chatfield SRA.** Leader: JB Hayes (798-9683). Meet at 0800 inside of west gate of park off South Wadsworth. + ø *

March 25, Saturday. **Barr Lake State Park.** Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 0800 at Nature Center in the park. + ø *

March 26, Sunday. **Cherokee Ranch and Daniel Gardens.** Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. £

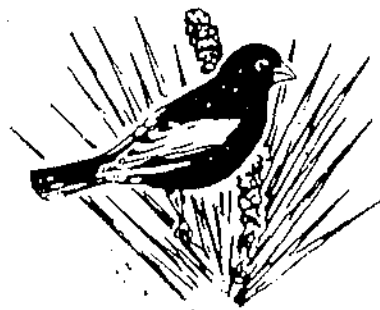
April 1, Saturday. **Guanella Pass,** plus feeders at Chicago Creek and Georgetown. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). We'll hope for Ptarmigan. Meet at 0800 at the Park-and-Ride at 4th and Union. £

April 2, Sunday. **Cherry Creek State Park.** Leader: Walt Hackney (750-2823). Meet at 0730 at west gate of park just east of Cherry Creek High School (east from Yosemite on Union, then south and east to park). ø *

£ = bring lunch, ø = lunch optional,
* = park pass required, + = half-day trip

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 5, 1995

PROGRAM: Recording Bird Songs, and how to learn them
By DFO member Bob Righter

***** NEW NUMBER!! COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 424-2144 NEW NUMBER!!*****

February 1995 Field Trip Summary

February 4, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Sig Nelson.
Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Jennifer Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Richard Cookingham, Howard Frisch, Peggy Gonder, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Sue Kane, Marc Kelly, Ric Olson, Dave Quesenberry, Jack Reddall, Judy Simons, Ellen Swanson, Joe TenBrink, Bethany Van Heukelem, Chuck Walters. (Sunny; Wind N 15 to 20 mph; 35 to 55°F). 4 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0830-1130. 31 species; 854 individuals.

February 5, Sunday (SPP)

South Platte Park, Arapahoe County. Leader: Sherry Chapman. Observers: Sue Kane, Jim Norton, Calaine Ohmert, Betty and Harold Oliver, Ric Olson, Dave Quesenberry. (Clear; Wind 0 to 3 mph; 25° to 51°F). 4 mi on foot. 0830-1300. 30 species; 952 individuals.

February 10, Friday (SPR)

South Platte River from 64th to 104th. Leader: David Laliberte. Observers: Jean Fredlund, Bill Huntley, Ken Lane, Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. (Clear to cloudy; Wind N/E 0 to 30 mph; 27° to 40°F). 9.7 mi by car, 1.75 mi on foot. 0815-1115. 28 species; 801 individuals.

February 11, Saturday (JCL)

Two ponds, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Ward Road ponds, The Pond. Leader: David Rhoades. Observers: Shirley and Amy Cervene, Sheila Rhoades. (Snow, cloudy, poor visibility, 0.5 in. new snow; Wind 0 to 7 mph; 6°F). 17 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0800-1130. 18 species; 241 individuals.

February 11, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Lea Ann Brown. Observer: Bob Brown. (Mostly overcast, 6 to 8 in. new snow; Wind E 5 mph; 8°F). 20.5 mi by car, 4 mi on foot. 0745-1215. 29 species; 456 individuals.

February 12, Sunday (CCR)

South Platte River at 88th Avenue. Leader: Karleen Schofield. Observer: Jim Schofield. (Snow; Calm; 10°F). 4 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0830-0930. 14 species; 1,059 individuals.

February 19, Sunday (CCR)

Hamilton Reservoir and vicinity. Leaders: Alex Cringan, Ron Ryder. Observer: Doris Beynon, Bob, Jennifer, and Nancy Bierling, Richard Bitner, Raymond Davis, Sharon Dooley, Jane and Robert Dorn, Jake Edge, Warren Finch, Barb and Mark Gorges, Tom Hablitzel, Alan and Dee Hay, Joe Himmel, Dave Johnson, Jackie King, Jo Ann Kozan, Tim and Vince Mitzen, Bob and Marty Montgomery, Suzi and Myron Plooster, Bob Spencer, Gale and Judy Treber, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy; Calm; 35° to 60°F). 27 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0830-1500. 39 species; 1,739 individuals.

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February Field Trips, continued

February 25, Saturday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Buzz Schaumberg. Observers: Neva Cahn, Ruth Holland, Jerry Marcinko, Gary and Maryellen Mencimer, Sig Nelson, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Stephanie Sedivy, Pat Wales. (Clear; 38° to 60°F). 0.2 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0800-1215. 29 species; 485 individuals.

February 26, Sunday (LMc)
Lake McConaughy, Nebraska area. Leader: Jackie King. Observer: Ru Wing. (Partly cloudy AM, clear PM; calm; 40° to 58°F). 520 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0600-1800. 46 species; 13,992 individuals.

February 26, Sunday (GGC)
Golden Gate Canyon State Park, including Ward and Brainard Lake Trail Head. Leaders: Frances Spertl and David Laliberte. Observers: Janet Decker, Myron Plooster, Sue Schulman, Joe TenBrink. (Light snow; wind N-NW 0 to 24 mph; 36° to 45°F). 520 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0600-1800. 46 species; 13,992 individuals.

Tuesday Birders - February

February 7, Walden Ponds and Boulder Creek (WLD). Leaders: Ferd and Jo Dirckx. 29 observers. (Foggy to partly sunny; Wind N 10 mph; 29° to 40°F). 0930-1200. 33 species; 493 individuals.

February 14, Denver City Park Zoo (ZOO). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. (Mostly sunny; Wind N 10 mph; 35° to 56°F). 1000-1200. 8 species; 872 individuals.

February 21, Red Rocks and Morrison Parks (RRK). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 32 observers. (Sunny; Wind 5 to 7 mph; 55° to 70°F). 0930-1300. 21 species; 133 individuals.

Mark your calendars now! The DFO will have a 60th anniversary picnic this year, to be held at the Castlewood Canyon Visitor Center on June 10th at 3:00 pm. More information to come.

Here's a tip! DFO members in a hurry and wanting to leave a taped message without listening to the complete Rare Bird Alert Report may press 5 on a touch-tone telephone to bypass the report at any time during the recording. This is especially useful when phoning to update the RBA.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Field trip reports for February are included in Table 1 on pages 29-31.

The DFO trip to the Lake McConaughy area in Nebraska took place on February 26. The weather was great, but unusual in that it was only the fifth year recorded in which the lake did not freeze over. This led to the lowest count of Bald Eagles in a while — only 45! The participants were able to see one particularly calm eagle from very close range, however, as he just sat there watching them back.

Important Announcement!

The Colorado Rare Bird Alert will have a new number starting March 27th. The new number is **424-2144**. The new Coordinator will be Norm Erthal, our past president. Duane Nelson, the present Coordinator, is moving on to bigger and better things in Southeastern Colorado. Thanks to Duane for his hard work (and the many hours spent) as Coordinator, and good luck with your new position. Also, thanks to Norm for agreeing to fill this important position.

HELP!

The vocalization of the Band-tailed Pigeon has never been recorded in North America. If anyone knows of any locations where they are found, please contact Bob Righter at 692-8529.

Classes

Word has just been received that the Denver Audubon Society will be offering a couple of classes very soon. Sorry for the late notice. The first class will be held on Monday, March 27 at the Denver Audubon office at 8751 E. Hampden, at 7:30 pm. The subject is attracting nesting birds to birdhouses, and the instructor is DFO's own Tina Jones. Cost is \$35.00 for non-members of the DAS, or \$25.00 for members. There will also be a field trip on Sunday, April 2.

The second class will be held beginning Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 pm at the DAS office. This class will focus on the basics of birdwatching, and will include a tour of specimens at the Denver Museum of Natural History, and five field trips. It is being taught by esteemed local birders (and DFO members) Hugh and Urling Kingery. Cost is \$90.00 for non-members of the DAS, or \$80.00 for members.

Participation in both classes is limited, and subject to advance registration, so call now at 696-0877 for more information or to get registered.

The Denver Audubon Society is also having their semiannual bird seed sale, but the deadline for orders is the 31st of March, so get those orders in now! Call 696-0877 for more info or prices, etc. Proceeds from the sale go toward protecting wildlife habitat around the state. Seed pickup will be on April 8th from 9 to 3.

Bird Costa Rica's Hot Spots

July 5 to 20, 1995

Leaders: Dieter and Alicia Kamm

Featuring Selva Verde, Tortuguero (nesting site of the green turtles), Santa Rosa National Park, while staying at a Pacific Coast beach and Monteverde Cloud Forest.

\$2300 includes airfare, hotels, most meals, private bus, boat transportation to Tortuguero, and bi-lingual guides. Call leaders for itinerary.

The North Park Chamber of Commerce and Colorado Division of Wildlife are again offering trips to view Sage Grouse displaying on their leks near Walden. Trips cost \$80.00 per couple or \$50.00 per individual, including lodging. Dates are April 28 & 29, April 29 & 30, May 5 & 6, and May 6 & 7. Call the Chamber for more info, or to register at 1 303 723-4600.

Here's a couple of tips for those DFO members with Bogen tripods from Suzi Plooster: I have had problems with the cork pad (Item #9712 - ABA Catalog pg. 23) on my Bogen Model 3126 Micro Fluid Head, with the thin, "cheap" cork pad coming loose and bunching when a scope is tightened down. I feel I have come up with a better solution than replacing the cork pad with a new one (at \$3.20), which may help you also.

I have purchased some thin rubber material that has a ridged surface, which I have cut to shape and size and mounted to the plate in place of the cork pad. It seems to work great. If you have had similar problems, I would be happy to give you a piece of the rubber and the directions for mounting it. Just give me a call at 494-6708 and I can bring it to you at a DFO meeting.

If you have had trouble losing the screws from your Bogen Model 3001 tripod legs, use a small amount of glue from a hot glue gun on the side away from the wing nuts. Check it before "big trips" and replace when needed. It can be peeled off and will not deface the screw or legs in any way. (Usually you find the large wing nut — it's the small screws on the back side that disappear into the sand and gravel.)

Ed Holub, Bookseller Extraordinaire!

Submitted by Karleen Schofield

Those members who regularly attend DFO monthly meetings have come to expect Ed Holub to be there too, his bookstore open and ready for business. For the past two and a half years, Ed has been in charge of DFO book sales, having taken over from Bob Spencer, who had continued to fill in for Ed when necessary. Irv Jackson was another book sales volunteer.

Looking back 13 years or so, the club's book sales originally consisted of birding checklists and the early James Lane/Harold Holt birdfinding guides, and was started as a service to members. Ed has expanded the inventory to include all of the excellent birdfinding guides now being published by the American Birding Association (ABA), many of them revised by DFO member Harold Holt.

The birders' guides include Southeastern Arizona (1990), Southern California (1990), Churchill (1993), Colorado (1988), Florida (1989), Eastern Massachusetts (1994), Rio Grande Valley of Texas (1991), Texas Coast (1993), and Wyoming (1993). A new guide to Arkansas is expected in 1995.

Ed is able to purchase these books for the DFO through the ABA at wholesale price plus sales tax; DFO members pay the suggested retail price. "Both the club and the members benefit," Ed says, "The profit from the sales is an added source of income for the club and each member has a chance to preview the book, check its condition, and take possession immediately, and at a savings - no sales tax or postage/handling fee, which can greatly add to the cost of a book."

Other items available at the "bookstore" include Colorado Birds by Andrews and Righter, substantially discounted for members and a valuable reference for a birder's library; local, regional, and state birding checklists; DFO patches and decals (great conversation pieces when traveling. Ed also sells the patches by mail to collectors.)

Filling special orders (prepaid) is another service Ed provides to DFO members. He can also recommend an appropriate birdfinding guide for out-of-state field trips. For special orders, the member pays the retail price and all shipping charges. Phone Ed at 979-2194 for more information.

In addition to his book sales responsibilities, Ed is also a popular field trip leader for the club, being, perhaps, best known for his van trips to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Ed has been a club member for 10 years.

Ed sets up his book sales table at each DFO meeting around 7:00 pm, and stays until the meeting room empties. He accepts cash or checks made out to the DFO. Stop by and say "hi". He enjoys greeting old friends and meeting new members. You won't find a more charming, friendly, and helpful bookseller anywhere!

Thanks, Ed, for all you do and do so well for the DFO.

Editor's Corner

We are pleased to announce that a new Editor has been found. Lea Ann Brown has consented to take on the responsibility of ensuring the *Lark Bunting* gets to you each month. Thanks, Lea Ann, and good luck. We know you'll do a great job.

I would like to thank all of the DFO members with whom I have had contact over the last couple of years for their many words of encouragement (they really did make a difference), especially all field trip coordinators and leaders, all additional contributors, and all those that responded to the questions I have been asking lately (your responses will be published sometime soon, I hope). I will really miss being the Editor, and I really enjoyed doing the work. The DFO is a great organization, and I'm proud to be a member. So long, folks, and thanks again.

SPECIES	2/4 OCR	2/5 SPP	2/10 SPR	2/11 JCL	2/11 CSP	2/12 S88	2/19 HRV	2/25 WGB	2/26 LMc	2/26 GGC	2/7 WLD	2/14 ZOO	2/21 RRK	SPECIES
Pied-billed Grebe		2					2		1					Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe							4							Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe							1							Red-necked Grebe
Western Grebe	1						11							Western Grebe
Great Blue Heron		6												Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1												Black-crowned Night-Heron
Snow Goose														Snow Goose
White morph									3500					White morph
Canada Goose	100	742	90	108	250	72	420	65	2775		42	180		Canada Goose
Green-winged Teal	4	2	104		15	29			320		15			Green-winged Teal
Mallard		36	112	10	20	52	492	123	35		15			Mallard
Northern Pintail			59			270	8		40		3			Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal									70					Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal									10					Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler			87			350	18	18	50					Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	20	1	116		5	124	25	25	10		1			Gadwall
American Wigeon	50		65	1			6	19	105		16			American Wigeon
Canvasback							17		100		30			Canvasback
Redhead	50	2					1	40	800		14			Redhead
Ring-necked Duck		9	20	15		62		5	50		105			Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	2		2				63	2	10					Lesser Scaup
Oldsquaw			1											Oldsquaw
Common Goldeneye	40	15	18	4	5	47	70	15	50		6			Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead		16					51		55		3			Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser		1	1	4	2			5			8			Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser	30	24			8		15		2					Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser								6						Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck							116							Ruddy Duck
Bald Eagle	2				3		2a		19				2	Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier	2f1m						6		4		1			Northern Harrier

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Red-tailed Hawk	1	4		1	2				17		1		2	Red-tailed Hawk
Western races			3											Western races
"Kriders" race			1											"Kriders" race
Ferruginous Hawk	1	2	1						4		1		1	Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk		1					2		1					Rough-legged Hawk
<i>Buteo</i> species													3	<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle							3		1	1			1	Golden Eagle
Unidentified eagle											1			Unidentified eagle
American Kestrel		1		1	2	1	3		3		3		1	American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon					1							1m		Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon													1	Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant	2						1		6					Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail	1h													Virginia Rail
American Coot	300	16	1	1		32	128	15						American Coot
Sandhill Crane									290					Sandhill Crane
Killdeer			6		1									Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull	60	6	16	30	15	9	6	3	5000		20	7		Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull	50				1									Herring Gull
Rock Dove	11	1	14	7		1	20	3	14		7	55	11	Rock Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl								1						Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl	1m1f							1						Great Horned Owl
Belted Kingfisher	1	5	2		5	1		1	1		4			Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	1		1									Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker					2									Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker	10	3	7	1	3		3	36	4	3	1		3	Northern Flicker
Unidentified woodpecker										1				Unidentified woodpecker
Horned Lark	12				3		60							Horned Lark
Gray Jay										3				Gray Jay
Steller's Jay										27				Steller's Jay
Blue Jay								3			1			Blue Jay

SPECIES	2/4	2/5	2/10	2/11	2/11	2/12	2/19	2/25	2/26	2/26	2/7	2/14	2/21	SPECIES
	CCR	SPP	SPR	JCL	CSP	S88	HRV	WGB	LMc	GGC	WLD	ZOO	RRK	
Scrub Jay										1			15	Scrub Jay
Clark's Nutcracker										1				Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	50	1	11	35	20	9	2	25	15	1	14	13	9	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	2				30			1	60	3	1	6		American Crow
Common Raven					5					28			3	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	6	8	2	2	15			4	10	8	17		2	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee										10				Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch										1				Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch					2									White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch										6				Pygmy Nuthatch
Canyon Wren													3	Canyon Wren
American Dipper					1									American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet									2					Golden-crowned Kinglet
Mountain Bluebird							2		1	5			11	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire										8			4	Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin			2		2		2	1	16	10			6	American Robin
Bohemian Waxwing										10				Bohemian Waxwing
Northern Shrike					2									Northern Shrike
European Starling		5	52	13			50	35	150	3	70	590		European Starling
Rufous-sided Towhee													1	Rufous-sided Towhee
American Tree Sparrow					30		5		17		40			American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow	4	7	3	1	5		3	4	2		11		2	Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow											11			White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco				1				4		18	4		20	Dark-eyed Junco
"Oregon" race	3								7					"Oregon" race
Red-winged Blackbird	15	23					70	5	290		15			Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark							4		4					Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird											1			Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird			1				5		22					Brewer's Blackbird
Cassin's Finch										1				Cassin's Finch
House Finch	20	4		6			2	8		2	1		31	House Finch
Red Crossbill										7				Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin										13				Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch									6					American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak										21				Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow		7	3				40	12	43		10	20	1	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	31	30	28	18	29	14	39	29	46	23	33	8	21	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	854	952	801	241	456	1059	1739	485	3992	191	493	872	133	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1995 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Common Loon 2/18 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ, mo
Yellow-billed Loon 2/5 through 2/26 (2i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, mo
Horned Grebe 2/19 (4) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Red-necked Grebe 2/16 (1, first winter plumage) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer County DB
Eared Grebe 2/19 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, MJ
Double-crested Cormorant 2/12 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Cinnamon Teal 2/17 (2m1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Oldsquaw 2/12 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
Barrow's Goldeneye 2/17 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Bald Eagle 2/4 (36) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County DB
Northern Goshawk 2/3 (1) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County DB
2/16 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan County DB
Gyr Falcon 2/10 (1a, gray morph) 0.25 mi west of Jimm Hamm Park, Boulder County KS
Glaucous Gull 2/22 (1, probably 2nd year) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County BoB
2/24 (1, 1st winter to 1st summer) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County KS
Short-eared Owl 2/19 (4) Wellington Wildlife Area, Weld County MP, SP
2/21 (1) Wellington SWA, Road 64 and Road 3, Larimer County KS
Northern Saw-Whet Owl 2/3 (1) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County DB
Red-bellied Woodpecker 2/17 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP
Eastern Bluebird 2/19 (6) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, MJ
Curve-billed Thrasher 2/1 through 2/28 (2) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP, mo
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 2/22 (2) Picture Canyon, Baca County DB
Golden-crowned Sparrow 2/5 (1a, winter plumage) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson County KS
Lapland Longspur 2/12 (3) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Red Crossbill 2/3 (3) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County DB

BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, KS = Karleen Schofield, MJ = Mark Janos, MP = Myron Plooster, SP = Suzi Plooster

a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male

MEMBER LIST

The last 10 pages of this issue comprise the annual member list, compiled by DFO member Phil Hayes. They are designed to be detachable, in case members would like to save them separately. Thanks a lot, Phil, for your hard work.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS (CONTINUED)

April 15, Saturday. **Castlewood Canyon.** Leaders: Gary and Kathy Hughes (660-3659). Meet at 0800 at the new entrance to the park. From Franktown, go south on Highway 83 for 5 miles. Bring lunch, park pass required.

April 16, Sunday. Easter. No trip scheduled.

April 22 and 23, Saturday and Sunday. **Displaying Lesser Prairie-Chickens** trip to Campo or Eads depending upon the birds. Leader: Gail Evans (758-2231). Meet leader at 0830 at Diamond Shamrock station in Ordway (at junction of CO 71 and CO 76). Saturday birding will include Lake Henry, Blue Lake, and Lamar for early warblers and shorebirds, night at motel. Sunday – very early trip to lek led by Jennifer Slater of the Division of Wildlife. We'll breakfast in town, then Ms. Slater or Janeal Thompson of Walsh will guide us to local birding spots. Return to Denver after lunch. Bring lunch for two days. Trip limited to 24 participants. Call leader after April 8 for final details and to reserve a spot.

April 22, Saturday. **Barr Lake State Park.** Leader: Ira Sanders (278-7172). Meet at 0730 at Park Nature Center. Lunch optional, Park pass required.

April 28, Friday. **Platte River.** Joyce Quigley welcomes birders on her regular EPA Platte River surveys. Meet at 0730 at parking lot on east side of Platte River Drive at Florida Avenue.

April 29, Saturday. **Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.** Leader: Phil Hayes (384-0317). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake south of west 44th avenue near Robb Street. This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders. Lunch optional.

April 29 and 30, Saturday and Sunday. **Displaying Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse** trip. Leader: Alan Hay (986-9786). On Saturday travel to area via the Poudre River and North Park, birding en route. Spend night at Super 8 Motel in Steamboat Springs (1 970 873-5230). On Sunday, James Haskins of the Division of wildlife will lead the pre-dawn drive to Hayden to view grouse. Bird in the area until noon and return to Denver. Bring lunch for two days. Trip limited to 25 participants. Call leader for details and to reserve a spot.

May 6, Saturday. **Walden Pond, Boulder.** Leader: Bob Evans (449-5063). Meet at 0800 at main parking lot by Cottonwood Marsh at Walden Pond. From US 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Continue north past Baseline Road and turn east on Arapahoe. Continue east, and turn north on 75th, continue past Valmont, and watch for sign directing you to Walden Pond. Turn left and follow the road to the main parking lot. Lunch optional. This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders.

May 6, Saturday. **Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.** Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0700 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders.

May 6, Saturday. **Pueblo East.** Leader: Brandon Percival (1 719 547-3722). Meet at 0830 at K-Mart Caboose at southwest intersection of I-25 and US 50 (Exit 101). Bring lunch and big spray — mosquitoes can be fierce! This trip will focus on shorebirds and warblers.

May 7, Sunday. **Prewitt Reservoir** and northeastern Colorado. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 0500 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 North Broadway in Denver. Bring lunch and plenty of water. This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders.

May 12, Friday. **Platte River** from Evans to Florida. Leader: Joyce Quigley (773-3406). Meet at 0700 at parking lot on Florida east of the Platte River. Help the Adopt-a-Platte project survey bird life.

May 13, Saturday. **Boulder's Dowdy Draw.** Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Joint trip with Boulder Bird Club. Meet leaders at 0800 on South side of US Dept of Commerce Boulder Laboratories. To get to the labs - From US 36, take Baseline exit, turn west on Baseline, turn left at the next light (27th Way), cross street at next light onto lab grounds (325 Broadway). this will be a slow and easy hike. especially good for novice birders and new members. The trip will last until 1400 so bring lunch and water. Call leader if you can give a ride or if you need a ride. Will be looking for towhees and buntings.

Look for the schedule for the Spring Count (to be held on May 13th and 14th) in the next Lark Bunting.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Min Canavan
Kurt Hebner and Stacy Lyon
Cindy Lippincott
Michael Rosenthal
Norman and Virginia Torrey
Tuesday Birders

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

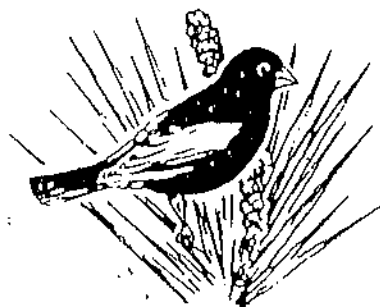
April 1, Saturday. **Guanella Pass**, plus feeders at Chicago Creek and Georgetown. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). We'll hope for Ptarmigan. Meet at 0800 at the Park-and-Ride at 4th and Union. Bring lunch

April 2, Sunday. **Cherry Creek State Park**. Leader: Walt Hackney (750-2823). Meet at 0730 at west gate of park just east of Cherry Creek High School (east from Yosemite on Union, then south and east to park). Lunch optional, park pass required.

April 8, Saturday. **Red Rocks Park**. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet at 0800 at the Trading Post in the park. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members. Bring lunch.

April 9, Sunday. **Two ponds, Standley Lake, Mount Olivet Cemetery**. Leader: David Rhoades (424-8633). Meet at 0800 in the northwest corner of the Target parking lot at the southwest corner of 80th and Wadsworth. Hope to see nesting Bald Eagles. This trip is especially good for new members and novice birders. Lunch optional.

April 14, Friday. **Platte River**. Joyce Quigley welcomes birders on her regular EPA Platte River surveys. Meet at 0730 at parking lot on east side of Platte River Drive at Florida Avenue.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT
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***** NEW NUMBER!! COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 424-2144 NEW NUMBER!!*****

March 1995 Field Trip Summary

February 18, Saturday (FDP, FDF)

Feeder observing — Littleton, Wolhurst, Deer creek, Turkey Creek. This trip is separated on Table 1 by the birds seen at plains feeders (FDP) and the birds seen at foothills feeders (FDF). Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Marlene Andrews, Ursula Barsch, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Sig Nelson, Calaine Ohmert, Ric Olsen, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Tony Ruckel, Ralph and Emilie Wiersma. (Mostly clear; Wind W 5 to 15 mph; 30° to 45°F). 60 mi by car, 0.5 mi on foot. 0730–1430. 35 species; 518 individuals.

March 4, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Lathe and Kathy Claflin, Cathy Henry, Joey Kellner, David Laliberte, Colleen Marley, Mary McFadden, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Chet Thompson. (Sunny to partly cloudy; Wind N 0 to 20 mph; 29° to 59°F). 38 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0740–1410. 43 species; 1,033 individuals.

March 5, Sunday (NBC)

North Boulder County. Leader: Raymond Davis. Observers: Richard Cookingham, Marlene Eggerling, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Karleen Schofield, Amy Young. (Foggy then hazy; 32° to 55°F). 35 mi by car, 1.5 mi on foot. 29 species; 568 individuals.

March 11, Saturday (NDL)

Northwest Denver area lakes; Denver, Adams, and Jefferson Counties. Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Mary Burger, Karin Donnerstag, Gail Evans, Ruth Holland, Ellie Jones, David Laliberte, Ric Olsen, Dave Quesenberry, Joe Ten Brink, Chuck Walters. (Mostly sunny; Wind var. 3 to 10 mph; 55 to 75°F). 30 mi by car, 0 mi on foot. 0830–1215. 39 species; 920 individuals.

March 12, Sunday (BCK)

Bear Creek — Plains to Foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Mark Hullinger, Calaine Ohmert, Hugh Rauatt, Ira Sanders. (Partly cloudy; Wind 13 to 18 mph; 35° to 55°F). 55 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0830–1300. 38 species; 235 individuals.

March 18, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado — I-70 to Bennett, "Hawk Route", Bijou Reservoir, Fort Morgan, Riverside Park (Canfield Nature Area), Muir Springs, Bijou Creek, Jackson Reservoir, Weld County. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Gail Evans, Warren Finch, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters. (Partly cloudy; Wind NW 0 to 20 mph; 35° to 55°F). 217.2 mi by car, 1.5 mi on foot. 0630–1900. 61 species; 6,234 individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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March Field Trips, continued

March 19, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park. Leader: JB Hayes.
Observer: Alan Hay, Alicia Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Sue Kane, Connie McDonald, Larry Modesitt, Karleen Schofield, Sue Schulman, Eleanor White, Amy Young. (Sunny to cloudy - cold front moved through; Wind E to N 0 to 30 mph; 40° to 50°F). 15 mi by car, 1.5 mi on foot. 0800-1200. 40 species; 409 individuals.

March 25, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe.
Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Warren Finch, Peggy Gonder, Dean Hassman, Jean McClenathen, Sarah McDowell, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Jim Norton, Ric Olson, Dave Quesenberry, Philippe Walthier (Belgium). (Partly cloudy; Wind NW 8 to 12 mph; 39 to 49°F). 0 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0800-1130. 45 species; 1,425 individuals.

Tuesday Birders - March

March 7, *Chatfield Arboretum (CAR)*. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers. 2 mi on foot. (Sunny; Calm; 19° to 60°F). 0900-1230. 25 species; 212 individuals.

March 14, *Old Stone House—Bear Creek Greenbelt b/w Wadsworth and Kipling (OSH)*. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. 2 mi on foot. (Sunny; Wind variable 7 to 10 mph; 52° to 60°F). 0900-1230. 22 species; 235 individuals.

March 21, *Hawk Watch, Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews/ Winters Park (HWD)*. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 35 observers. 1 mi by car, 1.5 mi on foot. (Sunny; Wind SW 33 to 40 mph; 62° to 70°F). 1000-1230. 14 species; 51 individuals.

March 28 — trip cancelled.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Participants on the DFO trip to Chatfield on the 19th were provided a show by the 6 coyotes seen singing and barking in broad daylight.

The 11 Wild Turkeys seen by the DFO trip on the 25th were the first ever recorded at Barr Lake.

Participants in the March 18th trip to Northeast Colorado also saw 3 Scaled Quail in a farmyard. These birds, well outside their normal range, were considered domesticated and not "counted".

Field trips for March are reported in Table 1, on Pages 38 through 40.

Important Announcement!

The Colorado Rare Bird Alert has a new number! The new number is 424-2144. The new Coordinator is Norm Erthal, our past president. The following is an open letter to the **Lark Bunting** from Norm:

I look forward to assuming the role of operating the Colorado Rare Bird Alert. I hope that I can continue the fine tradition established by Lynn Willcockson, David Martin, Scott Menough, and Duane Nelson. One item that I will consider adding to the tape will be an additional contact for people to call with questions. I would expect the number of questions to be from one to three per week. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea. I would also like to know of anyone who would volunteer to serve in this role. I am thinking of having one person each week and rotating through a group of twelve people. This would result in people only needing to do this four times each year. The bird report is only as good as the reports that it receives. I would like to encourage everyone to report new sightings and just as importantly to update old sightings. I hope everyone understands it will not always be possible to list every sighting, and that the criteria for what is on the tape will vary with the rarity of the species seen at that season and how far away they are. This is your tape and I will always welcome your ideas to improve it.

I joined the DFO in 1987, and since have served as Vice President and President. I have also filled in as a substitute for the Bird Report. I began birding when I was 10 years old in South Dakota. My wife, Pam, and I have been married for 15 years and we have a son, Bradley. Being a father has been enjoyable and well worth the decrease in time I have spent birding. My son enjoys accompanying me on birding excursions. I have worked for the Colorado Division of Wildlife for 19 years as a civil engineer.

My total for species in Colorado during 1994 was 326. The extensive travel that I did for work put me all over the state and certainly aided me in attaining this total. The highlights were thirteen species of gulls, Acorn Woodpecker, and Reddish Egret. I also went over 650 species for the ABA area with number 650 being Mountain Quail north of Los Angeles. My highlight for the year was a spur-of-the-moment trip to the Rio Grande valley for the first North American record of Collared Forest-Falcon, which I was able to see three different times. I also picked up four other lifers on the trip.

A Peck at DFO History - 1995, a year to celebrate

submitted by Warren Finch, DFO Historian

DFO celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. Bob Niedrach started the Colorado Bird Club in 1935; Ruth Wheeler was a charter member (see the *Lark Bunting*, August 1993 edition). As president of the DFO in 1982-83, I had the honor of representing DFO at the dedication of the Niedrach Trail at Barr Lake State Park. The late Thompson Marsh was responsible for having the Colorado Bird Club's name changed to the Denver Field Ornithologists in about 1963 (see the *CFO Journal*, January 1993). Early records of bird sightings on club trips were sporadic, but after Harold Holt joined the club in 1963, he started a newsletter he called "*The Magpie*". Later, Lynn Willcockson came to Denver; he started the *Lark Bunting* in 1965. So-o-o the *Lark Bunting* is 30 years old this year. And in 1983, when we started the Colorado Rare Bird Report, Lynn was the original voice. So-o-o our RBA is a dozen years old. Let's celebrate!

Another Peck

submitted by Warren Finch, DFO Historian

The Saturday, May 13, 1939, field trip of the Colorado Bird Club, as we were known in those days, was to Roxborough Park for resident birds and migrants led by Miss Ruth Wheeler, ph GA 3924; meeting place: Overland Golf Course at 1:30 pm. Ruth was on the standing committee for field trips then as she was for the DFO from 1978 to 1992. Ruth will be 96 years old this year on September 23rd; let's all mark our calendars and wish her a happy birthday.

In Memoriam

submitted by DFO Member Jean Maguire

We are saddened to hear of the loss of long-time DFO member Mildred O. Snyder. She was well known to many DFO members for her contributions as a bird bander. Ruth Wheeler and Harold Holt recall going on her field trips to Plum Creek near Sedalia to watch her band birds. She has also banded birds for many years near Franktown and at her home in Aurora. She kept meticulous records and always reported her sightings to the enjoyment of all in DFO.

Mildred started the Denver Audubon Society along with Lois Webster and others. she was admired for her conservation efforts. She left a very generous bequest to the Nature Conservancy and a land grant to the National Audubon Society. Since she had arthritis, she also left a large bequest to the Arthritis Foundation. Thank you, Mildred, for your gifts to all of us.

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SPECIES	2/18	2/18	3/4	3/5	3/11	3/12	3/18	3/19	3/25	SPECIES	3/7	3/14	3/21
	FDP	FDF	RMA	NBC	NDL	BOK	NEC	CSP	BAR		CAR	OSH	DRR
Pied-billed Grebe					1					Pied-billed Grebe			
Horned Grebe					2	2		1	2	Horned Grebe			
American White Pelican							12		1	American White Pelican			
Double-crested Cormorant					1		1	8	4	Double-crested Cormorant			
Great Blue Heron			1		2		4	33	2	Great Blue Heron			
Greater White-fronted Goose									9	Greater White-fronted Goose			
Canada Goose	71		200	25	400	21	450	50	312	Canada Goose	11	12	
Wood Duck	12						1m			Wood Duck			
Green-winged Teal			5		17	8	250	35	10	Green-winged Teal		2	
Mallard	62		60	3	90	20	1950	15	150	Mallard	8	40	
Northern Pintail			1				700	20	136	Northern Pintail	3		
Blue-winged Teal									2	Blue-winged Teal			
Cinnamon Teal							2m			Cinnamon Teal			
Northern Shoveler	9		1		70		500	15	400	Northern Shoveler			
Gadwall	12				12	3	75	25	20	Gadwall		3	
American Wigeon	20				3	3	300	4	1	American Wigeon			
Canvasback			5		3			1		Canvasback			
Redhead			220		65	5	4	4	2	Redhead		10	
Ring-necked Duck	2		25		35	12		3		Ring-necked Duck		10	
Lesser Scaup					10		150		20	Lesser Scaup			
Common Goldeneye	2		22		8	3	80	6	24	Common Goldeneye			
Bufflehead	3		6		2	4	60	4	1	Bufflehead			
Hooded Merganser	2				14			2		Hooded Merganser			
Common Merganser			16		15	20	10	9	2	Common Merganser			
Red-breasted Merganser					12					Red-breasted Merganser			
Ruddy Duck							15		10	Ruddy Duck			
Bald Eagle			1				1a1i	1a1i	2	Bald Eagle		1	1
Northern Harrier			1	1			2		4	Northern Harrier			
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1		1			Sharp-shinned Hawk			
Red-tailed Hawk				9				5		Red-tailed Hawk	3	3	6
Western races	2	1	13		2	2	6			Western races			
Ferruginous Hawk			5	3			1			Ferruginous Hawk	1		
Rough-legged Hawk			1	2			2			Rough-legged Hawk			
Golden Eagle			1	5						Golden Eagle			
American Kestrel			3	12			8	1	3	American Kestrel	1	2	

Table 1 Page 2 of 3

SPECIES	2/18	2/18	3/4	3/5	3/11	3/12	3/18	3/19	3/25	SPECIES	3/7	3/14	3/21
	FDP	FDF	RMA	NBC	NDL	BCK	NEC	OSP	BAR		CAR	OSH	DRR
Merlin				1						Merlin			1
Prairie Falcon				1		1	1			Prairie Falcon			
Ring-necked Pheasant			3				16f			Ring-necked Pheasant			
Wild Turkey									11	Wild Turkey			
Virginia Rail							6			Virginia Rail			
American Coot			40		4		25	6	60	American Coot			
Killdeer			3		1		15	3	6	Killdeer	2	1	
American Avocet						1				American Avocet			
Common Snipe						1			1	Common Snipe			
Ring-billed Gull	4		6		100		220	35		Ring-billed Gull	1	4	
California Gull					4				5	California Gull			
Herring Gull			1							Herring Gull			
Rock Dove	21		10	20	6	1	25	6		Rock Dove	2		3
Mourning Dove						1	2			Mourning Dove			
Great Horned Owl	2		4			1	6n	1	2	Great Horned Owl	3+1n		
Long-eared Owl				5						Long-eared Owl			
White-throated Swift										White-throated Swift			1
Belted Kingfisher			3		2		2h	4	2	Belted Kingfisher		3	
Downy Woodpecker				3			3	1	3	Downy Woodpecker	1	4	
Eastern races	2									Eastern races			
Hairy Woodpecker									1	Hairy Woodpecker			
Northern Flicker				4	1h					Northern Flicker	6	25	1
"Red-shafted" race	6		7			9	8	5	4	"Red-shafted" race			
"Yellow-shafted" race									1	"Yellow-shafted" race			
Red X Yellow intergrade									1	Red X Yellow intergrade			
Horned Lark			40	2			95			Horned Lark			
Tree Swallow									1	Tree Swallow			
Barn Swallow										Barn Swallow			
unidentified swallow							1			unidentified swallow			
Steller's Jay		4				1				Steller's Jay			
Blue Jay	14			1			6			Blue Jay			
Scrub Jay		2								Scrub Jay			4
Black-billed Magpie	6		25	30	6	15	23	17	18	Black-billed Magpie	5	22	8
American Crow	3		1	125	8	2	10	7	2	American Crow	3		3
Common Raven	1	3		5		7		3		Common Raven	2		6

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SPECIES	2/18	2/18	3/4	3/5	3/11	3/12	3/18	3/19	3/25	SPECIES	3/7	3/14	3/21
	FDP	FDF	RMA	NBC	NDL	BCK	NEC	CSP	BAR		CAR	OSH	DRR
Black-capped Chickadee	1	9	14	7		6	8	9	12	Black-capped Chickadee	14	24	6
Mountain Chickadee		22								Mountain Chickadee			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2								Red-breasted Nuthatch			
Pygmy Nuthatch		6				6				Pygmy Nuthatch			
Marsh Wren							5			Marsh Wren			
American Dipper						1				American Dipper			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1				Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
Mountain Bluebird			30	55		5	3			Mountain Bluebird	20		
Townsend's Solitaire						2	2			Townsend's Solitaire			1
American Robin	3		12			12	150	4	7	American Robin		33	3
American Pipit							2			American Pipit			
Cedar Waxwing							75			Cedar Waxwing			
Northern Shrike			1							Northern Shrike			
Loggerhead Shrike							1			Loggerhead Shrike			
European Starling	6		100	200	2	12	150	25	30	European Starling	5	21	
Rufous-sided Towhee								1		Rufous-sided Towhee			
American Tree Sparrow			6	6	1					American Tree Sparrow	6		
Song Sparrow			18		1h	4	8	6	3	Song Sparrow	3	5	
White-crowned Sparrow					5		1			White-crowned Sparrow			
Harris' Sparrow					1					Harris' Sparrow			
Dark-eyed Junco				10					20	Dark-eyed Junco	42	1	
"Slate-colored" race			3							"Slate-colored" race			
"Oregon" race		1	6				25			"Oregon" race			
"Pink-sided" race		4	20					4		"Pink-sided" race			
"Gray-headed" race		1				1				"Gray-headed" race			
Red-winged Blackbird		150	40	15	2	6	540	20	100	Red-winged Blackbird	34		
Western Meadowlark			18	7			35	1	10	Western Meadowlark	3		
Yellow-headed Blackbird							1			Yellow-headed Blackbird			
Brewer's Blackbird							1			Brewer's Blackbird			
Great-tailed Grackle							2			Great-tailed Grackle			
Common Grackle									2	Common Grackle			
House Finch	20	6	15	6	2	7	25	8		House Finch	21	4	7
Red Crossbill						2				Red Crossbill			
Pine Siskin		4				25				Pine Siskin			
American Goldfinch	3	3		4	5		30			American Goldfinch			
Evening Grosbeak		2								Evening Grosbeak			
House Sparrow	9		20	1	4	2	120		5	House Sparrow	11	5	
TOTAL SPECIES	26	14	43	29	39	38	61	40	45	TOTAL SPECIES	25	22	14
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	298	220	1033	568	920	235	6234	409	1425	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	212	235	51

**Famous Naturalist to Speak
at Denver Audubon Society Annual Dinner**

This just in! Pete Dunne, director of the world-famous Cape May Observatory (Cape May, New Jersey) and author of many well-known birdwatching publications -- *Tales of a Low-Rent Birder*, *Hawks in Flight*, *The Feather Quest*, -- will be the keynote speaker at the Denver Audubon Society Annual Dinner. The dinner takes place at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 28, at the Denver Marriott Southeast, located at I-25 and Hampden. The charge for Audubon members is \$25.00, non-member charge is \$30.00. Reservations are required. For a reservation sheet, or for more information, contact the Denver Audubon office at 696-0877.

DFO member Susan Ward reports seeing a Common Raven on February 4th in the Estes Park area. While normally a raven would not be considered unusual, this one had a large white wing patch with the number "30" on it. (I wonder who else was on the team... -ed.)

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Nominations for the DFO year 1995-1996 have been returned from the nominating committee (consisting of Jackie King, Joe Roller, and Chairman Warren Finch), and are as follows:

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July 5 to 20, 1995

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ADDITIONAL MARCH 1995 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Yellow-billed Loon 3/2 through 3/31 (2i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, mo (F)

White-faced Ibis 3/25 (1) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, DE, JB

Greater White-fronted Goose 3/16 (9) Barr Lake, Weld County MP, SP

Ross' Goose 3/18 (1) Thurston Reservoir, Prowers County BP, VT

Cinnamon Teal 2/25 (1) Jim Hamm Nature Area, Boulder County WF

Eurasian Wigeon 3/25 (1) Pond at Weld County Roads 8 & 19, Weld County MP, SP

Oldsquaw 3/30 (2) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP

Osprey 3/23 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP

Merlin 3/25 (1) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, DE, JB

Prairie Falcon 3/29 (1) Estes Park area, Larimer County DC

White-tailed Ptarmigan 3/8 (7) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek County DB

Sandhill Crane 3/12 and 3/18 (4000+) Thurston Reservoir, Prowers County BP, MJ, VT, mo

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Whooping Crane (Sandhill adoptee) 3/4 (1) Monte Vista NWR, Rio Grande County DB
Whooping Crane 3/13 (1i) Thurston Reservoir, Prowers County BD, BP (F), CS, DB, JD, JTB, MJ, PS, TB, VT, mo
 3/14 (1i) Thurston Reservoir, Prowers County KS, mo
 Greater Yellowlegs 3/19 (3) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, MJ
 Long-billed Curlew 3/18 (2) Thurston Reservoir, Prowers County BP, VT
 Baird's Sandpiper 3/18 (26) Upper Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County BP, VT
 Franklin's Gull 3/25 (no number reported) Pond at Weld Co. Roads 8 & 19, Weld County MP, SP
 3/31 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 Bonaparte's Gull 3/19 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ
 Northern Pygmy-Owl (1) 2/8 Estes Park, Larimer County SW
 3/11 (1h) Gem Lake Trail, Larimer County SW
 3/14 (2h) Moraine Park area, Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer County SW
 Long-eared Owl 3/10 (4) Saint Vrain Road, Boulder County MP, SP
 3/18 (1) West of Hygiene, Boulder County JM, JTB
 Northern Saw-Whet Owl 3/14 (2h) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County KS
 White-throated Swift 3/25 (5) Highway 115 at Canon City, Fremont County BP, DE, JB
 Three-toed Woodpecker 3/8 (1f) Left Hand Reservoir Trail, Boulder County DB
 3/11 (1m) Gem Lake Trail, Larimer County SW
 Western Bluebird 3/30 (30) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 3/30 (5) Beaver Meadows Entrance to Rocky Mountain NP, Larimer County DC
 Mountain Bluebird 3/2 (20) Spring Drive, Boulder MP, SP
 Hermit Thrush 3/3 and 3/5 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, MJ
 American Robin *albino* 3/24 (1) Spring Drive, Boulder MP, SP
 Curve-billed Thrasher 3/1 through 3/31 (2) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 Bohemian Waxwing 3/2 (300) Spring Drive, Boulder MP, SP
 3/3 (200) Spring Drive, Boulder MP, SP
 3/6 (6) Spring Drive, Boulder MP, SP
 3/10 (4) Mule Deer Trail, Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Jefferson County KS
 3/11 (35) Gem Lake Trail, Larimer County SW
 3/24 (100) Gem Lake/Balanced Rock Trail, Larimer County SW
 Vesper Sparrow 3/28 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 Dark-eyed Junco "White-winged" race 3/12 (1) Spring Drive, Boulder MP, SP
 Rusty Blackbird 3/4 (2) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP
 Gray-headed Rosy Finch 3/10 (200) Robinson Hill Rd. near Golden Gate, Jefferson County JM, JTB

BD = Bob Dickson, BP = Brandon Percival, CS = Cliff Smith, DB = Dan Bridges, DC = Dick Coe, DE = David Ely, JB = Jon Bowser, JD = Johnnie Dickson, JM = Jean Maguire, JTB = Joe TenBrink, MJ = Mark Janos, mo = many others, MP = Myron Plooster, PS = Pearle Sandstrom, SP = Suzi Plooster, SW = Susan Ward, TB = Toni Brevillier, VT = Van Truan

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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Spring Count

For the Spring Count trips (listed in boxes like this paragraph), call the leader in advance or simply arrive promptly at the designated meeting place, except for the trips to Rocky Mountain Arsenal and Castlewood Canyon. Bring lunch, water, and good walking shoes.

May 3, Wednesday. **Golden Gate State Park.** Leader: David Laliberte (297-2504). Meet at 0700 at the Park-and-Ride at I-70 and Ward Rd. Bring water & lunch. N Π

May 6, Saturday. **Walden Pond,** Boulder. Leader: Bob Evans (449-5063). Meet at 0800 at main parking lot by Cottonwood Marsh at Walden Pond. From US 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Continue north past Baseline Road and turn east on Arapahoe. Continue east, and turn north on 75th, continue past Valmont, and watch for sign directing you to Walden Pond. Turn left and follow the road to the main parking lot. N Ø

May 6, Saturday. **Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.** Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0700 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. N £

May 6, Saturday. **Pueblo East.** Leader: Brandon Percival (719 547-3722). Meet at 0830 at K-Mart Caboose at southwest intersection of I-25 and US 50 (Exit 101). Bring bug spray — mosquitoes can be fierce! This trip will focus on shorebirds and warblers. £

May 7, Sunday. **Prewitt Reservoir and Northeastern Colorado.** Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 0500 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 North Broadway in Denver. Bring plenty of water. If you have a CB radio, please bring it also. N £

May 7, Sunday. **Chatfield State Recreation Area.** Leader: Connie McDonald (795-7531). Meet at 0800 at west gate of SRA off Colorado Highway 75. N Π Ø

May 10, Wednesday. **South Platte Park.** Leader: Susan Jenkins (770-5321). Meet at 0800 at Nature Center at South Platte Park, west of the intersection of South Santa Fe and Mineral. Trip will end by 1130. N Ø

May 10, Wednesday. **Cherry Creek Reservoir.** Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 0600 at west gate of the SRA near Cherry Creek High School. Π

May 12, Friday. **Platte River from Evans to Florida.** Adopt-a-Platte trip. Leader: Joyce Quigley (773-3406). Meet at 0700 at parking lot on Florida east of the Platte River. Help the Adopt-a-Platte project survey bird life on this two to three hour easy hike. N

May 12, Friday. **Platte River from 64th to 74th.** Adopt-a-Platte trip. Leader: David Laliberte (297-2504). Meet at 0730 at the Platte River and 74th Avenue, one half mile west of I-76. N Ø

May 13, Saturday. **Lower Bear Creek.** Leaders: Bob Spencer (279-4682) & Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 0630 at southwest corner of Bear Valley Shopping Center behind Conoco. BVSC is on the east side of South Sheridan, north of Hampden (Highway 285).

May 13, Saturday. **Chatfield SRA.** Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet at 0600 at Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park (off Colorado Highway 75). Π

May 13, Saturday. **Waterton.** Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 0600 at the Waterton Bridge.

May 13, Saturday. **Boulder's Dowdy Draw.** Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Joint trip with Boulder Bird Club. Meet leaders at 0800 on South side of US Dept. of Commerce Boulder Laboratories. To get to the labs - From US 36, take Baseline exit, turn west on Baseline, turn left at the next light (27th Way), cross street at next light onto lab grounds (325 Broadway). This will be a slow & easy hike. The trip will last until 1400, so bring enough water. Call leader if you can give a ride or if you need a ride. Will be looking for towhees and huntings. N £

May 14, Sunday. **Barr Lake Periphery.** Leader: Jackie King (289-1644). Meet at 0600 at intersection of Picadilly Road and Bromley Lane.

May 14, Sunday. **Castlewood Canyon State Park.** Leader: Randy Lentz (680-3381). Call leader for details. Half day or full day optional. Π

May 14, Sunday. **Barr Lake State Park.** Leaders: Warren Finch (233-3372) and Dick Schottler (278-8035). Meet at 0600 at the entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a ten-mile, all-day hike around the lake.

May 14, Sunday. **Rocky Mountain Arsenal.** Leader: Urling Kingery (333-0161). Register with leader in advance, as the number of observers is limited.

May 17, Wednesday. **Fountain Creek Regional Park** in AM; **Hanna Ranch or West Colorado Springs** in PM. Leaders: Toni Brevillier (719 540-5653) and Karleen Schofield (936-8661). Meet to carpool at 0600 at east side of Southmoor Park-and-Ride (take Hampden Avenue east from I-25 to Monaco, then south to Magnolia Way) or meet at 0730 at the north parking area of FRCP — from I-25, south of Colorado Springs, take exit 132. Go east on C-16 across Fountain Creek to US 85. Turn south then immediately right onto Willow Springs Road. Continue west in the park, bearing right to parking lot and restrooms. Call Karleen in advance if carpooling from Denver. Walking distance for the hike will be four to five miles. Bring extra water. £

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Continued

May 20 and 21, Sat. and Sun. **Bonny Reservoir.**

Leaders: Hugh & Urling Kingery (333-0161). Joint trip with Denver Audubon Society. Leave Saturday at 0600. Must call leaders in advance to arrange carpools, meeting places, and communal supper. Bring lunch for both days and breakfast for Sunday. Will prepare communal supper Saturday evening at campground. There are small BBQs at each campsite, as well as toilets. Participants can either camp at Bonny, or make arrangements at Prairie Vista motel in Idalia (303 354-7237). This trip will use CB radios, so if you have one, please bring it. Π $\bar{N}$

May 20, Saturday. **Fountain Creek Regional Park and Colorado Springs Wildlife Area.** Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet to carpool at 0600 at east side of Southmoor Park-and-Ride or meet at 0730 at north parking area of FCRP. See May 17 trip for directions. Bring extra water. $\bar{N}$ $\pounds$

May 20, Saturday. **Rigli Ranch.** Leader: Joe Rigli (303 432-5200). Meet at 0630 to carpool at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park, or join group at 0715 at Pepper Pot restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader at ranch — from Hudson, go east on Highway 52 until it turns north. Don't turn north — continue east on Morgan county Road F to County Road 14, then turn north about 1 mile to first house on left by boxcars. $\pounds$

May 21, Sunday. **Roxborough State Park.** Leader: Doris Cruz (798-8072). Meet at 0730 at Visitors' Center in park, for a five-mile round trip hike up Carpenter Peak. It is a 1000 ft. climb with some steep trails. Bring extra water and wear good hiking shoes. Magnificent views of Golden Eagles and probable sightings of nuthatches, crossbills, and other mountain birds. Can call Roxborough Park (973-3959) for directions. $\emptyset$ Π

May 21, Sunday. **Pawnee National Grasslands.** Leader: Ron Ryder (303 482-8089). Meet leader at 0730 at Crow Valley Campground, northwest of Briggsdale at the intersection of Highways 392 and 14. Bring water and sunscreen. Participants can camp out overnight Saturday at Crow Valley and enjoy the dawn chorus. $\bar{N}$ $\pounds$

May 24, Wednesday. **Parker Regional Park and Castlewood Canyon State Park.** Leader: Gail Evans (758-2231). Meet at 0630 at Parker Regional Park. From the main street intersection in Parker, go south on Parker Road (Highway 83) for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Indian Pipe Lane, which goes to the park. After birding PRP, the group will go to Castlewood Canyon. Lunch will be optional with the possibility of more birding in the afternoon. The group will be walking in the stream bed so wear footwear you don't mind getting wet. Will hope to see Bobolinks. Π

May 25, Thursday. **South Platte River — Hampden to Union.** Adopt-a-Platte trip. Leader: Barbara Bridges (922-1360). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on Wadsworth south of Hampden. Bring money for lunch after the trip if you wish. $\bar{N}$

May 26, Friday. **South Platte River — 64th Ave. to 74th Ave.** Adopt-a-Platte trip. Leader: David Laliberte (297-2504). Meet at 0730 at the Platte River and 74th Avenue, one half mile west of I-76. $\emptyset$ $\bar{N}$

May 26, Friday. **Platte River from Evans to Florida.** Adopt-a-Platte trip. Leader: Joyce Quigley (773-3406). Meet at 0700 at parking lot on Florida, east of the Platte River. $\emptyset$

May 27, Saturday. **Highland Canal, McClelland Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers, and Daniels Park.** Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line road. $\pounds$

May 28, Sunday. **Barr Lake Periphery.** Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0630 at intersection of Picadilly Road and Bromley Lane. Bring water. $\bar{N}$ $\pounds$

May 29, Monday. **Two Ponds and Standley Lake.** Leader: David Rhoades (424-8633). Meet at 0800 at northwest corner of Target parking lot at southwest corner of 80th and Wadsworth. $\emptyset$ $\bar{N}$

May 31, Wednesday. **Fort Morgan to Muir Springs to Jackson Reservoir.** Leader: Norm Lewis (988-5544). Meet leader at 0630 at Broadway Park-and-Ride, one-half block south of I-36 on Broadway, just north of 74th Ave. (Highway 224). Bring water. $\bar{N}$ $\pounds$

June 3, Saturday. **Chatfield Arboretum.** Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl (798-0552). Meet leader at 0700 at entrance of Arboretum on Deer Creek Road, west of South Wadsworth. Half-day trip. $\emptyset$

June 4, Sunday. **Bear Creek - Plains to Mountains.** Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of south Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden). Do not wear tennis shoes on this trip. $\pounds$

Symbols used in this field trip list include:

Π = State Parks pass required

$\pounds$ = Bring lunch

$\emptyset$ = Lunch optional

$\bar{N}$ = This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

Whew!!

Editor's Corner

Well, this is my last issue, so I'll say goodbye. Thanks for the fun. The new Editor will be Lea Ann Brown, who I know you all will support in the fine manner you have supported me for the past couple of years. Welcome aboard, Lea Ann!

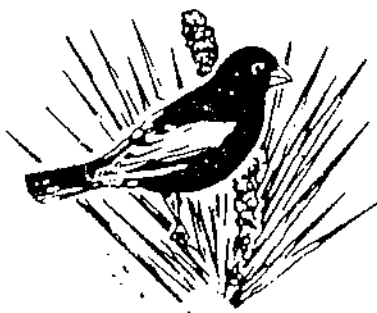
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Program to be Announced

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - APRIL 1995

April 1, Saturday (GUA)

Guanella Pass, Georgetown, Chicago Creek.

Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Kitty Albee, Shirley Blackburn, Bobbi Brown, Mary Burger, Alice DeBolt (San Diego), Peter Ginsburg (San Diego), Tom Hablitzel, Judy Hablitzel, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Claudina Hruby, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Peter Lowen, Margie Mills, Susan Paynter, Dave Quesenberry, Dave Rhoades, Ira Sanders, Dick Schottler, Sue Schulman, Philippe Wauthier, Amy Young. Clear, calm, 40°F. 75 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 0830-1530. 24 species, 226 individuals.

April 2, Sunday (CCR)

Cherry Creek State Park.

Leader: Walt Hackney. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Dave Compton, Dave Quesenberry, Mort Staatz. Partly cloudy, wind 10 mph, 45°F. 13.2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0700-1430. 41 species, 944 individuals.

April 8, Saturday (RRP)

Red Rocks Park, Lair o' the Bear Park.

Leader: Diana Mullineaux. Observers: George Armbrust, Barbara Boland, Tammy Bulow, Arnold DeKam, Nelvina DeKam, Bill Miller,

Alberta Nelson, Rick Olson, David Quesenberry, Stephanie Sedivy, Ellie Walker, Amy Young. Sunny, wind 1-3 mph, 51°F. 15 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 0800-1200. 27 species, 118 individuals.

April 9, Sunday (TWP)

Two Ponds, Meadowglen.

Leader: David Rhoades. Observers: Dave Compton, Sheila Rhoades. Cloudy, snowing, wind south 13 mph, 30°F. 2 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 0800-1000. 20 species, 110 individuals.

April 15, Saturday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon.

Leaders: Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Bill Boswell, Scott Chamberlain, Dave Compton, Marlene Eggerling, John Girardeau, Peter Lowen, Mike Moore, Jean Morgan, Sig Nelson, Calaine Ohmert, Rick Olson, Karlene Schofield, Chuck Walters, Sherry Zimmerman. Partly cloudy, wind south 8-12 mph, 50°F. 7 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 0800-1400. 31 species, 106 individuals.

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FIELD TRIPS - APRIL (Continued)

April 21-22, Saturday-Sunday (ARK) *Arkansas River Valley.*

Leader: Gail Evans. Observers: Al Boggess, Nancy Boggess, Marlene Eggerling, Tom Hablitzel, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Gil Jackson, Jean Jackson, Donna Mattson, Roger Mattson, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Helen Murphy, Brandon Percival, Karleen Schofield, Amy Young. Overcast, snowing, wind east 0-25 mph, 32-45°F. 104 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. April 21, 0900-1400; April 22, 0900-1500. 91 species, 2437 individuals.

April 22, Saturday (BAR) *Barr Lake State Park.*

Leader: Ira Sanders. Observers: Carol Drew, Joe Seasholes. Partly sunny to overcast, snow flurries, wind variable 0-15 mph, 25-37°F. 3.2 miles by car, 5.5 miles on foot. 0730-1300, 49 species, 1950 individuals.

April 29, Saturday (WRG) *WheatRidge Greenbelt.*

Leaders: Phil Hayes, Karleen Schofield. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Dave Carlstrom, Karin Donnerstag, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Charles Lowrie, Bill Miller, Dave Quesenberry, Mort Staatz. Cloudy and drizzling, wind east 5-15 mph, 40-50°F. 0.25 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0730-1230. 53 species, 540 individuals.

April 29-30, Saturday-Sunday (NCO) *Displaying Sharp-tailed and Sage Grouse.*

Denver to Fort Collins, Cameron Pass, Walden Lake, Arapaho NWR, Lake Catamount, Steamboat Springs, Hayden, State Bridge, Edwards, Georgetown. Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Warren Finch, Glenn Hageman, Jeanne Hageman, Dee Hay, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Pearl Jordan, Jean Morgan, Glen Myers, Judy Lane, Mark Nikas, Rose Nikas, Steve Snyder, Jay Sproul, Helga Sproul, John Sprague, Chuck Walters, Dick Williams, Amy Young. Rain to snow, partly sunny to overcast, wind 0-20 mph, 28-55°F. 534 miles by car, 1

SPECIES	1	2	8	9	15	21-22	22	29	29-30
	GUA	CCR	RRP	TWP	CAC	ARK	BAR	WRG	NCO
Common Loon							2		1b
Yellow-billed Loon									
Pied-billed Grebe						3		1	
Horned Grebe		4							
Eared Grebe						31			11
Western Grebe		27				3	24		3
Clark's Grebe									
American White Pelican						6	4	22	43
Double-crested Cormorant		4		2		12	100	2	2
Great Blue Heron		2			4	5	20	1	16n
Snowy Egret									
Little Blue Heron									
Black-crowned Night-Heron				2		1		4	
White-faced Ibis						55			2
Snow Goose									
Canada Goose		27		2		2	50	50a10i	149n
Wood Duck									
Green-winged Teal		52				40	4	6	28
Mallard		44	3	20	6	25	150	40	133
Northern Pintail						8	20	1	24
Blue-winged Teal		2				52	1		2
Cinnamon Teal		1				18	22		37
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.									
Northern Shoveler		6				120	350	15	9
Gadwall		38				40	50	20	250
American Wigeon		14		6		12	8	8	23
Redhead		49		2		2			1
Ring-necked Duck									7
Lesser Scaup		33		20		84	1	25	166
Common Goldeneye						3	1	1f	
Bufflehead						12	2	2m2f	
Common Merganser									19
Red-breasted Merganser		1m3f							
Ruddy Duck						9	2		4
Turkey Vulture	1				6				2
Osprey									
Bald Eagle							1		
Northern Harrier		3m2f			1	4	2		2
Sharp-shinned Hawk									2
Cooper's Hawk								1	1
Northern Goshawk									1i
Accipiter species									
Broad-winged Hawk								1	
Swainson's Hawk		1				3	4		7n

	4	18	21-22	22-23	25	28-5/1	SPECIES
	WRG	DIR	WRA	NEC	CSP	SEC	
						1b	Common Loon
						1i	Yellow-billed Loon
1				1		5	Pied-billed Grebe
						2	Horned Grebe
				1		45	Eared Grebe
						85	Western Grebe
						225	Clark's Grebe
				21	3	105	American White Pelican
6				8	30	165	Double-crested Cormorant
				4	20	26	Great Blue Heron
						1	Snowy Egret
						1i	Little Blue Heron
3				1		11	Black-crowned Night-Heron
						105	White-faced Ibis
						8	Snow Goose
45				8	7	10	Canada Goose
					1m	14	Wood Duck
8				12		25	Green-winged Teal
40				34	5	85	Mallard
				1		10	Northern Pintail
				7		30	Blue-winged Teal
						15	Cinnamon Teal
			3				"Blue-winged" Teal sp.
6				6		335	Northern Shoveler
1				2		85	Gadwall
10				2		30	American Wigeon
3						10	Redhead
4							Ring-necked Duck
30						5	Lesser Scaup
6						1f	Common Goldeneye
			3			8	Bufflehead
10					3	1f	Common Merganser
10						1m	Red-breasted Merganser
				5	4	60	Ruddy Duck
		1	1	3	2	20	Turkey Vulture
						2	Osprey
							Bald Eagle
			1	11		2	Northern Harrier
		4		1		1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
		10		1		1	Cooper's Hawk
							Northern Goshawk
1							Accipiter species
						1	Broad-winged Hawk
		1	1	18		15	Swainson's Hawk

mile on foot. Total 21 hours of birding. 96 species, 2,112 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS - APRIL 1995

April 4, Tuesday (WRG)
WheatRidge Greenbelt.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 42 Observers. Sunny, wind northwest 5-9 mph, 43-60°F. 0900-1230. 38 species, 451 individuals.

April 11, Cancelled due inclement weather.

April 18, Tuesday (DIR)
Dinosaur Ridge Hawkwatch, Matthews, Winters and Red Rocks Parks.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 19 observers. Partly cloudy, wind southeast 0-5 mph, 48-57°F. 0900-1200. 28 species, 234 individuals.

April 21-22, Friday-Saturday (WRA)
Wray and Beecher Island.

Leaders: Three Colorado Division of Wildlife personnel. 2 observers. April 21, 1500-1600; April 22, 0500-1200. 20 species, 220 individuals.

April 22-23, Saturday-Sunday (NEC)
Wray, Beecher Island, Bonny Reservoir.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 9 observers. Partly cloudy turning to rain, 33-51°F. April 22, 1000-1700; April 23, 0500-1700. 69 species, 1248 individuals.

April 25, Tuesday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park.

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. Partly cloudy to sunny, wind variable 5-15 mph, 46-60°F. 0900-1400. 30 species, 259 individuals.

INDEPENDENT TRIP

April 28-May 1, Friday-Monday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado to include: Pueblo Reservoir, Valco Ponds, Pueblo West, Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Rocky Ford SWA, Lake Holbrook, Lake Cheraw, La Junta, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Canyon, Picture Canyon, Two Buttes Reservoir, Lamar

Community College, King Reservoir, Upper Queens Reservoir, Nee Noshee Reservoir, Hasty Campground, Ft. Lyon Wildlife easement.

Leader: Brandon Percival. No observers. 639 miles by car, 12 miles by foot. 167 species, 5488 individuals.

CB RADIOS MAXIMIZE SIGHTINGS

Alan Hay reports that the CB radios used on the April 29-30 field trip to North Park and all points east and west, "worked magnificently". Hay confirms that the radios aided all participants in seeing a greater number of species. These CBs are available for use by field trip leaders. Call Glenn Hageman at 322-6589 to reserve the radios.

TEXAS COAST YIELDS 196

Bob Righter's trip, April 14-21, to Upper Texas Coast was a great success. Righter reports that in spite of seven days of wind from the south, the group located an impressive list of woodland birds. Highlighted species were American Swallow-tailed Kite and Sprague's Pipit. Participants included Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Pearl Jordan, Mark Kelly, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Alan Wofchuck and Ed Holub. All agreed that Crawfish Etouffee was the best meal.

DUNNE LEADS CHATFIELD TRIP

World renowned birder and author, Pete Dunne, as part of his participation in the Denver Audubon annual banquet and fund raising event, led Hugh and Urling Kingery and 20 birders on an eight hour field trip to Chatfield State Park. Dunne wowed the group with his long distance identification skills. He shared many detailed tips with all present. 67 species were tallied, most interesting of which were an unexpected fourth year Bald Eagle, a Merlin busy stooping a Horned Lark, over 90 American Kestrels and nearly 250 Yellow-rumped Warblers.

4	18	21-22	22-23	25	28-5/1
WRG	DIR	WRA	NEC	CSP	SEC
	3	1	13	1	8 Red-tailed Hawk
					Western races
			1		1 Ferruginous Hawk
			2		Rough-legged Hawk
			8	3	Buteo species
	4			1	1a Golden Eagle
	1		40	3	25 American Kestrel
			1		1 Peregrine Falcon
					Prairie Falcon
			1		Falcon species
			5		15 Ring-necked Pheasant
					Sage Grouse
		22m1f	21m2f		Greater Prairie-Chicken
			1		5 Wild Turkey
					1 Northern Bobwhite
					12 Scaled Quail
					2 Virginia Rail
					2 Sora
17					85 American Coot
					Sandhill Crane
					1 Black-bellied Plover
					4 Snowy Plover
					3 Semipalmated Plover
					2 Piping Plover
2			11	2	55 Killdeer
					18 Black-necked Stilt
					105 American Avocet
			2		1 Greater Yellowlegs
			9		5 Lesser Yellowlegs
			2		2 Solitary Sandpiper
					1 Willet
					15 Spotted Sandpiper
					3 Whimbrel
					1 Long-billed Curlew
					18 Marbled Godwit
					8 Sanderling
					5 Semipalmated Sandpiper
		7			10 Western Sandpiper
		3			8 Least Sandpiper
					1 Baird's Sandpiper
					40 Long-billed Dowitcher
		1	2		Common Snipe
		5	12		30 Wilson's Phalarope
					2 Red-necked Phalarope

SPECIES	1	2	8	9	15	21-22	22	29	29-30
	GUA	CCR	RRP	TWP	CAC	ARK	BAR	WRG	NCO
Laughing Gull									
Franklin's Gull						6			211
Bonaparte's Gull						1	1		4
Ring-billed Gull		49		5		8		20	156
California Gull		2				1			5
Herring Gull		36				1			
Gull species									
Forster's Tern									
Rock Dove		16	12	4	5	30	3	4	30
Mourning Dove						42	8	5	8
Western Screech-Owl									
Eastern Screech-Owl								1	
Great Horned Owl		2				1	2		
Burrowing Owl						2			
Common Poorwill									
Chimney Swift									
White-throated Swift			10						
Belted Kingfisher			1	1			2	1	3
Lewis' Woodpecker						1			
Red-naped Sapsucker									1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker						1			
Downy Woodpecker			2		1		5		
"Batchelder's" race	1								2
Eastern races								4	
Hairy Woodpecker							2		
"Rocky Mountain" race	1								2
Northern Flicker					3	4			6
"Yellow-shafted" race									
"Red-shafted" race		7	1	2			12	12	
Eastern Phoebe									
Say's Phoebe			1			6			
Cassin's Kingbird									
Western Kingbird									1
Horned Lark	3					100			14
Tree Swallow								1	6
Violet-green Swallow			3				10	20	1
No. Rough-winged Swallow									
Bank Swallow								2	
Cliff Swallow									
Barn Swallow						40	100	15	1
Gray Jay									1
Steller's Jay	5		1		2				11
Blue Jay				2		3		3	1
Scrub Jay			7		4				2

4	18	21-22	22-23	25	28-5/1
WRG	DIR	WRA	NEC	CSP	SEC SPECIES
					1a Laughing Gull
					60 Franklin's Gull
			30		40 Bonaparte's Gull
6			1	5	50 Ring-billed Gull
					250 California Gull
					1 Herring Gull
	1				Gull species
			2		30 Forster's Tern
10	7		20	3	25 Rock Dove
			47		85 Mourning Dove
					1 Western Screech-Owl
					Eastern Screech-Owl
		1		2	5 Great Horned Owl
		5	8		1 Burrowing Owl
					6 Common Poorwill
					5 Chimney Swift
	25				White-throated Swift
		1f	1	4	3 Belted Kingfisher
					11 Lewis' Woodpecker
					Red-naped Sapsucker
					3 Ladder-backed Woodpecker
4			1m	5	6 Downy Woodpecker
					"Batchelder's" race
					Eastern races
		1	1		4 Hairy Woodpecker
					"Rocky Mountain" race
25	14			11	Northern Flicker
			2		2 "Yellow-shafted" race
			3		15 "Red-shafted" race
					6 Eastern Phoebe
		1			16 Say's Phoebe
					2 Cassin's Kingbird
			1		40 Western Kingbird
			40		65 Horned Lark
				1	Tree Swallow
	3				135 Violet-green Swallow
		1			5 No. Rough-winged Swallow
					1 Bank Swallow
					45 Cliff Swallow
		10	1	10	60 Barn Swallow
					Gray Jay
					Steller's Jay
6			5		6 Blue Jay
	7				1 Scrub Jay

SPECIES	1 GUA	2 CCR	8 RRP	9 TWP	15 CAC	21-22 ARK	22 BAR	29 WRG	29-30 NCO
Pinyon Jay									1
Clark's Nutcracker	4								1
Black-billed Magpie		11	6	10	3	23	45	20n	67
American Crow	5	4	7	2	6	3		2	33
Chihuahuan Raven									
Common Raven	3		2						19
Black-capped Chickadee	5	21	10		2	4	15	5	4
Mountain Chickadee	5				5				7
Bushtit									
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2								
White-breasted Nuthatch					6				
Pygmy Nuthatch	1				3				
Rock Wren									
Canyon Wren			3		2				
Bewick's Wren									
House Wren									
Marsh Wren									
American Dipper					1				5
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						1		2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									
Western Bluebird					1				
Mountain Bluebird					5			1	7
Townsend's Solitaire			1		2				4
Hermit Thrush								1	
American Robin	5	47	2	4	8	31	200	22n	41
Northern Mockingbird						2			
Sage Thrasher									4
Brown Thrasher									
Curve-billed Thrasher						6			
American Pipit									1
Cedar Waxwing									
Northern Shrike						1			
Loggerhead Shrike						3			3
European Starling		14	1	4	2	230	1	20	55
Solitary Vireo									
Orange-crowned Warbler								5	
Northern Parula									
Yellow Warbler								1h	
Yellow-rumped Warbler									
"Myrtle" race								30	
"Audubon's" race						5	2	50	6
Palm Warbler									
Black-and-white Warbler									

4 WRG	18 DIR	21-22 WRA	22-23 NEC	25 CSP
25	29		16	30
16	16		2	
	5			
14	2		2	4
	1			
4			1	
	6			
	4			
1	2		1	
15	60		60	14
			1	
		10		
		30	6	
47		30	75	40
		8		
			1	1
			3	9

28-5/1 SEC	SPECIES
	Pinyon Jay
	Clark's Nutcracker
55	Black-billed Magpie
15	American Crow
2	Chihuahuan Raven
10	Common Raven
25	Black-capped Chickadee
	Mountain Chickadee
20	Bushtit
	Red-breasted Nuthatch
1	White-breasted Nuthatch
	Pygmy Nuthatch
15	Rock Wren
8	Canyon Wren
25	Bewick's Wren
20	House Wren
6	Marsh Wren
	American Dipper
	Golden-crowned Kinglet
8	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
4	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
	Western Bluebird
	Mountain Bluebird
2	Townsend's Solitaire
5	Hermit Thrush
95	American Robin
2	Northern Mockingbird
1	Sage Thrasher
12	Brown Thrasher
1	Curve-billed Thrasher
	American Pipit
12	Cedar Waxwing
	Northern Shrike
16	Loggerhead Shrike
115	European Starling
1	Solitary Vireo
25	Orange-crowned Warbler
1m	Northern Parula
1m	Yellow Warbler
	Yellow-rumped Warbler
120	"Myrtle" race
80	"Audubon's" race
1	Palm Warbler
2m	Black-and-white Warbler

SPECIES	1	2	8	9	15	21-22	22	29	29-30
	GUA	CCR	RRP	TWP	CAC	ARK	BAR	WRG	NCO
Common Yellowthroat									
Wilson's Warbler								1h	
Warbler species									
Scarlet Tanager									
Western Tanager								1	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak									
Lazuli Bunting									
Green-tailed Towhee									
Rufous-sided Towhee			4		7	2		1	1h
Canyon Towhee						2			
Rufous-crowned Sparrow									
Chipping Sparrow						5			1h
Vesper Sparrow						45			2
Lark Sparrow						3			
Black-throated Sparrow									
Lark Bunting									
Savannah Sparrow									
Song Sparrow		7	6				10	14	8
Lincoln's Sparrow						1		2	
White-crowned Sparrow						45			2
Dark-eyed Junco			5			15	35		12
"Slate-colored" race	5								
"Oregon" race		1							3
"Pink-sided" race		2							
"Gray-headed" race	35								25
Red-winged Blackbird		66		12		350	250	30	95
Western Meadowlark		8	6		1	80	50		18
Yellow-headed Blackbird						120	5		18
Brewer's Blackbird						120		1	2
Great-tailed Grackle						16			
Common Grackle				6		200	120	3	22
Brown-headed Cowbird						2			4
Northern Oriole									
"Bullock's" race									
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	2								
Cassin's Finch	20								2
House Finch		5	15	2		8	1	4	1
Red Crossbill	7								
Pine Siskin	100				3				47
American Goldfinch		1			5		11		
Evening Grosbeak	1								24
House Sparrow	10			2		50	20	15	1
TOTAL SPECIES	24	41	27	20	31	91	49	53	96
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	226	944	118	110	106	2437	1950	540	2112

	4	18	21-22	22-23	25	28-5/1	SPECIES
	WRG	DIR	WRA	NEC	CSP	SEC	
						6	Common Yellowthroat
						3	Wilson's Warbler
1							Warbler species
						1m	Scarlet Tanager
							Western Tanager
				1h		1m	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
						1m	Lazuli Bunting
						2	Green-tailed Towhee
		5				15	Rufous-sided Towhee
						10	Canyon Towhee
						2	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
						150	Chipping Sparrow
			25			20	Vesper Sparrow
						35	Lark Sparrow
						4	Black-throated Sparrow
				5		50	Lark Bunting
						1	Savannah Sparrow
16	1				3	10	Song Sparrow
			1			25	Lincoln's Sparrow
1		10	3			175	White-crowned Sparrow
	3	4				25	Dark-eyed Junco
							"Slate-colored" race
							"Oregon" race
	4						"Pink-sided" race
							"gray-headed" race
26	1		104	6		500	Red-winged Blackbird
	4	15	350	25		80	Western Meadowlark
			9			300	Yellow-headed Blackbird
						10	Brewer's Blackbird
				6		1m	Great-tailed Grackle
2		5	90			200	Common Grackle
						20	Brown-headed Cowbird
							Northern Oriole
						2	"Bullock's" race
							Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
							Cassin's Finch
2	10		1	1		30	House Finch
							Red Crossbill
							Pine Siskin
5			3			45	American Goldfinch
							Evening Grosbeak
10		13	65			25	House Sparrow
37	27	28	69	30		167	SPECIES
439	234	220	1248	259		5488	INDIVIDUALS

CBO OPPORTUNITIES

Tony Luekering, Colorado Bird Observatory, has flyers available for *On the Wing*, a summer camp for kids, ages 11-16, and another for those 17-19. CBO will be running two banding stations this summer, one in Boulder and the other in Rocky Mountain National Park. Volunteers and visitors are welcome. Please contact Tony at 659-4348 for more information.

ON PREFOCUSING BINOCULARS

It seems like we've had new birders on almost every birding trip we've been on lately. Often, new birders do not realize that in order to get the best results binoculars must be prefocused to each individual's particular sight.

Trip leaders can substantially enhance the new birder's field trip experience by assisting them in prefocusing their binoculars. Prefocusing is accomplished as follows:

1. Close your right eye. Using the center focus knob, focus on a sign or sharply defined object about 30 feet away. Turn the knob slowly back and forth until the sharpest image appears.
2. Without changing position, or moving the center focus knob, look at the bottom side of your binoculars at the **right eyepiece**. You will see marks that represent a plus/minus scale.

Rotate the center mark, or zero, on the eyepiece until it lines up with the center dot, or line on the bottom. This zeroes the eyepiece.

3. Now using the same sharply defined object as in step one, close your left eye and with your right hand turn the **eyepiece** slowly back and forth until you find the very sharpest image.
4. Turn the binoculars over again and check the relationship of the top and bottom marks on the right eyepiece. **Remember the relationship of these marks.** The fine tuning you have done causes the right eye to exactly match the left. Each time you take your binoculars out to use them, and often while in the field, check that the marks are on your individual setting. This gives you the sharpest image in both eyes. Now using

both eyes, you may utilize the center focus knob to focus on objects (birds) at different distances.

Note: Since each of us has a slightly different setting, passing a pair of binoculars back and forth between people is often unsatisfactory and should be avoided.

Good viewing and good birding,
Suzi Plooster

60TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

Mark your calendars for June 10, 3:00 PM for the 60th Anniversary DFO Picnic. The picnic will be held at Castlewood Canyon State Park at the Picnic Pavillion. Note: This location is at the **East Entrance** to the Park. Bring your own food and drink. Charcoal grills are available at the picnic area. To get to Castlewood Canyon State Park, take Colorado Highway 83 (same as Parker Road) south to Franktown. Continue south for five miles to the entrance of the park. Or, from I-25 take Castle Rock Exit 182, east on Highway 86 to Franktown. South on Colorado Highway 83 to the park entrance. Follow the park directions to the Picnic Pavillion. DFO will be dedicating the Paul Reckel Memorial Bench at the picnic. See you there!

SPENCER AND ECHELMAYER RECEIVE PTARMIGAN

1995 recipients of the DFO Ptarmigan Award are Bob Spencer and Patty Echelmeyer. For their years of outstanding service each received a framed Ptarmigan Certificate and a framed photo of a winter plumage White-tailed Ptarmigan taken by Duane Nelson, where else but on Guanella Pass.

Spencer has served the DFO as Vice-President for two terms and President for two terms. He was a Director for another two years, and a Field Trip Coordinator for over ten years. As a frequent trip leader and participant in Spring, Fall and Christmas Counts, Spencer's contributions are exemplary.

Echelmeyer has four terms as Vice-President and two terms as President under her belt. She

served DFO as a Field Trip Coordinator for over two years and has led field trips regularly. As early as 1970 Echelmeyer was helping to coordinate the Rare Bird Alert. Patty's commitment and hardwork are an example for all.

Congratulations, Bob and Patty!

CHERRY CREEK STATE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Colorado State Parks Governing Board is reviewing the management plan for trails at Cherry Creek State Recreation Area. Changes will be finalized this summer. Many of us who have birded in the riparian woods and marshes at the south end of the Lake have become increasingly concerned with human impacts in this unique area. Although signs indicate that this part of the park (south of the Lake, north of the road) is the "Nature Area", it is currently being managed for multiple use.

Public input is now being collected regarding how trails at Cherry Creek SRA should be managed. If you believe that this part of the park should be designated as a "Wildlife Refuge" and managed exclusively for wildlife and wildlife viewing, send your comments to Carolyn Armstrong, the Park Manager. Issues that need to be addressed include:

1. Mountain Bikes. Having overrun the area, they are in conflict with the wildlife and with wildlife viewing. They are cutting new trails everywhere, destroying vegetation and the unspoiled character of the place. They should be kept out. There is plenty of room for bikes in the rest of the park, including south of the road, which could be designated the "Mountain Bike Area".

2. Dogs. Although dogs are required to be on a leash everywhere in the park, once in the Nature Area they are usually set free, often to harass wildlife. All dogs should be prohibited (as they are at the south end of Barr Lake State Park, e.g., a designated Wildlife Refuge).

3. Powerboats and Jet skis. The buoy line along the south shore demarcating "no wake boating" should be moved at least 100 yards farther out to reduce noise and disturbance to wildlife.

4. Model Airplanes. The model airplane runways should be relocated to reduce the impact of their noise. The park is big enough to accommodate them elsewhere.

When was the last time you saw Long-eared Owls at Cherry Creek? They have been reported in the past but are very sensitive to disturbance. How often have you quietly approached birds only to have them fly off as a mountain bike raced by.

If you believe that these issues need to be addressed, now is the time to convey your feelings to the State Parks Governing Board. Send your input to:

Carolyn Armstrong, Park Manager
Cherry Creek State Recreation Area
4201 S. Parker Rd., Aurora, CO 80014

It will also be useful to send your comments to:

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Watchable Wildlife Program
Colorado Division of Wildlife
6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216

Jim Von Loh, Director
Natural Areas Program
Colorado Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
1313 Sherman St., Rm. 618, Denver, CO 80203

Compared to other users of the parks, birders are a minority. We need to make ourselves heard. The management plan will be finalized this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Aaron Sell

IN MEMORIAM

This is to inform you that my husband Evan Hannay died of a sudden and unexpected heart attack on April 21, 1995.

We were on an ABA sponsored cruise with Zegrahm Expeditions to the Tuamotus and Marquesas Islands in French Polynesia at the time he died.

I think we have been DFO members since we moved to Colorado from Washington D.C. in 1984.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Nature Conservancy, 1815 N. Lynn St., Arlington, VA 22209.

Sincerely,
Ives Hannay

THANKS, KURT

Denver Field Ornithologists would like to thank Kurt Hebner for the countless hours he spent during his tenure as Editor of the Lark Bunting. His tireless efforts in the monthly compiling of all of the valuable information and statistics we anxiously await are much appreciated. Again, thank you, Kurt, for your expertise, dedication and hard work.

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ADDITIONAL REPORTS - APRIL 1995

Common Loon, 4/15-28 (up to 3b) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County, BP
Yellow-billed Loon, 4/2-28 (2i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County, BP mo (F)
Great Egret, 4/6 (4) Teller Lake, Boulder County, MP
4/28 (2) Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
Snowy Egret, 4/28 (2) Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
Little Blue Heron, 4/30 (1i molting) Pond just east of Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP (F)
Cattle Egret, 4/28 (1b) Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
Green Heron, 4/29 (1) 13040 W. 16th Dr., Golden, Jefferson County, DR
Glossy Ibis, 4/26 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County, JR
Greater White-fronted Goose, 4/16 (1) West of Fowler, Pueblo County, BP MJ
Ross' Goose, 4/8 (1) Home Lake, Monte Vista, Rio Grande County, BP VT JR
4/15-16 (1) West of Fowler, Pueblo County, BP DS MJ
Greater Scaup, 4/6 (4) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County, MP
4/23 (5) Lake Cheraw, Otero County, BP MJ
Oldsquaw, 4/3 (2) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County, BP
Northern Goshawk, 4/29 (1) Endovalley, Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer County, SW
Broad-winged Hawk, 4/19 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County, BP
Peregrine Falcon, 4/24 (1) Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County, DB
4/26 (2) Chatfield State Park, Douglas County, HK
4/28 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County, BP
Chukar, 4/1 (2) Near Cameo, Mesa County, SP MP
Sandhill Crane, 4/6 (9) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County, MP
4/22 (3) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County, AH DH
Snowy Plover, 4/1-29 (up to 10) Lake Cheraw, Otero County, BP mo
Piping Plover, 4/22 (1) Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County, DB
Mountain Plover, 4/16 (1) North of Lake Cheraw, Otero County, BP MJ
Long-billed Curlew, 4/16 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County, BP
Sanderling, 4/24 (2) Blue Lake, Bent County, DB
Common Black-headed Gull, 4/29 (1 first winter) Lake Henry, Crowley County, DB
Band-tailed Pigeon, 4/28 (1) Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
Greater Roadrunner, 4/29 (1) Two Buttes Reservoir dam, Baca County, DB
Western Screech-Owl, 4/1 (1) Near Fruita, Mesa County, SP MP
Burrowing Owl, 4/5 (1) Chatfield State Park, Douglas County, HK
Long-eared Owl, 4/1 (2) Near Fruita, Mesa County, SP MP

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - APRIL 1995 (Continued)

Northern Saw-whet Owl, 4/1 (1h) Mesa, Mesa County, SP MP
Chimney Swift, 4/28 (2) Lamar Community College, Prowers County, DB
Red-bellied Woodpecker, 4/1 (1m) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County, BP
House Wren, 4/19 (2) Waterton Canyon, Douglas County, HK
Marsh Wren, 4/29 (1) Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
Hermit Thrush, 4/17 (1) 2695 Newland St., WheatRidge, Jefferson County, PE
4/26 (2) Chatfield State Park, Douglas County, HK
Sage Thrasher, 4/30 (1) Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
Curve-billed Thrasher, 4/1-30 (2) Pueblo West, Pueblo County, BP
Bohemian Waxwing, 4/1 (15), Cub Lake Loop, Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer County, SW
Solitary Vireo, 4/30 (1) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, BP
Northern Parula, 4/30 (1m) Picture Canyon, Baca County, BP
Palm Warbler, 4/30 (1) Two Buttes SWA, Baca County, BP
Black-and-white Warbler, 4/30 (1m) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, BP
Scarlet Tanager, 4/30 (1sm) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, BP (F)
Northern Cardinal, 4/3 (1f) 5306 Easley, Golden, Jefferson County, SP MP
Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 4/29 (1m) Below Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, DB
4/30 (1m) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, BP
Black-throated Sparrow, 4/29 (4) About 20 miles south of La Junta, Otero County, BP
Sage Sparrow, 4/8 (4) Three miles south of Ft. Garland, Costilla County, BP VT
Fox Sparrow, 4/12 (2) Winter Park, Grand County, PE
White-throated Sparrow, 4/23 (1s) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County, BP MJ
Yellow-headed Blackbird, 4/22 (5,000m) Two miles south of Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County, AH DH
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch, 4/21 (1) 1420 Juniper Dr., Estes Park, Larimer County, SW

AH = Alan Hay, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, DH = Dee Hay, DR = Dan Roller, DS = David Smith,
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SP = Suzi Plooster, SW = Susan Ward, VT = Van Truan, mo = many others.

(F) = form submitted, a = adult, m = male, f = female, i = immature, b = breeding plumage, s = singing

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

June 3, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield Arboretum.

Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl, 798-0552. Meet leader at 0700 at entrance to Arboretum on Deer Creek Road west of S. Wadsworth. Half day trip, lunch optional.

June 4, Sunday (BCR)

Bear Creek, plains to mountains.

Leader: Cal Wichern, 693-3718. Meet at 0800 east of pancake house at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of South Sheridan, north of U.S. 285 (Hampden). Do not wear tennis shoes on this trip. Bring lunch.

June 10, Saturday, 60th Annual DFO Picnic.
See details on page 53.

June 11, Sunday (APX)

Apex Park.

Leader: Warren Finch, 233-3372. Meet at 0600 at the parking lot off of CO 93 just north of US 40. Blue grouse possible and wild flowers should be in full bloom. Carry water for steep trail. Bring lunch.

June 17, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park.

Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe, 659-8069. Meet at 0800 at Nature Center in the park. Half day trip, lunch optional, park pass required.

June 18, Sunday (EVR)

Evergreen area.

Leader: Dick Williams, 674-0733. Meet at 0700 at public parking area west of El Rancho. This is reached by going west on I-70 and turning south at El Rancho or Bergen Park exit. Bring lunch.

June 24, Saturday (RMN)

Rocky Mountain National Park.

Leader: Bob Righter, 692-8529. Meet to carpool at 0615 south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0800 at Visitor's Center, east of Beaver

Meadows entrance to park. Bring lunch, U.S. park pass required for each vehicle.

June 25, Sunday (BHP)

Belmar Historic Park.

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 936-8661. Meet at 0800 at the park (800 S. Wadsworth at W. Ohio Ave.; turn west on Ohio, go two blocks to lake). Lots of cute "babies". Geese, coots, grebes, mallards, avocets, blackbirds and magpies breed here. Mostly paved path, pace will be slow. You may want to bring a folding stool. This trip especially good for novice birders. Half day trip, lunch optional. Many restaurants nearby.

July 1-3. Saturday-Monday (Tentative)

North Park, Arapaho NWR, Colorado State Forest.

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682. Meet at 0900 on Saturday at Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden. (North Park Motel 970-723-4271) or camp at primitive campground one mile north of town. Bring lunch for three days. Park pass required for Colorado State Forest. Call leader if going.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

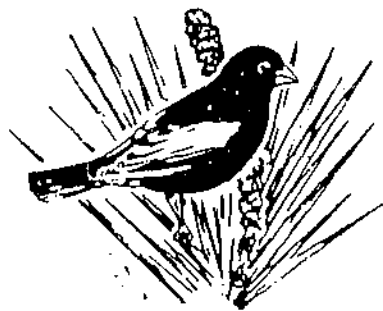
The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether enroute or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 287-1644.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 6, 1995
Program to be Announced

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - MAY 1995

May 3, Wednesday (GGP)

Golden Gate State Park

Leader: David Laliberte. Observers: Jim Fredlund, Amy Young. Partly cloudy to overcast, rain, sleet, wind northwest 0-10 mph, 33-45°F. 61 miles by car, 0.5 miles on foot. 0715-1400. 48 species, 241 individuals.

May 6, Saturday (WAP)

Walden and Sawmill Ponds near Boulder

Leader: Bob Evans. Observers: Mary C. Burger, John Call, Marv Colsmon, Shirley Colsmon, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer, Myriam Friggens, Bob Jickling, Jackie King, Larry Modesitt, Caroly Murray, Ira Sanders, Sue Schulman, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters, Lynn Willcockson. Clear, wind west 8-12 mph, 60°F. Zero miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0800-1200. 66 species, 518 individuals.

May 6, Saturday (WRG)

WheatRidge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Richard Cookingham, Mary Dexter, Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Pearl Jordan, Alberta Nelson, Calaine Ohmert, Ernest Roberts (England), Mort Staatz, Annette Steinbach. Clear, 44-56°F. Zero miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 0700-1200. 34 species, 388 individuals.

May 6, Saturday (SEC)

Southeastern Colorado to include: Pueblo, Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement, Hasty Campground, and Lamar

Leader: Brandon Percival. Observers: Bill Elliott, Margi Elliott, Bob Goycoolea, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Tim Kuesel, Rick Olson, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Karleen Schofield, Claude Vallieres, Sylvia Wheelock. Clear, wind variable 0-15 mph, 45-70°F. 190 miles by car, 4 miles on foot. 0830-1600. 103 species, 2,335 individuals.

May 7, Sunday (PRR)

Prewitt Reservoir, Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County

Leader: Norm Erthal. Observers: Rick Olson, Bob Righter, Bob Spencer. Foggy and cloudy early, rain and wind late, 40-60°F. 250 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 0630-1700. 103 species, 1,715 individuals.

May 7, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Connie McDonald. Observers: Calaine Ohmert, Bob Wing, Ru Wing. From partly cloudy to overcast and rain, wind northeast 10-20 mph, 40-60°F. 5 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 0805-1345. 48 species, 1,007 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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FIELD TRIPS - MAY (Continued)

May 10, Wednesday (SPP)

South Platte Park, Littleton

Leader: Susan Jenkins. Observers: John MacDonald, Ellen Mead, Sue Schulman, Eleanor White. Clear, wind 1-5 mph, 54-59°F. Zero miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 0800-1130. 41 species, 365 individuals.

May 13, Saturday (DOD)

Doudy Draw, Boulder

Leader: Myron Plooster. Observers: Jaymie Arnold, Amy Cervene, Shirley Cervene, Dave Compton, Fred Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Marge Foland, Ruth Holland, Hope Leighton, Steve Litz, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Jay Sproul, Marvin Woolf, Ingrid Zamfirescu. Sunny, intermittently gusty wind up to 30 mph, 45-60°F. Zero miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0830-1230. 34 species, 238 individuals.

May 17, Wednesday (FCR)

Fountain Creek Regional Park

Leaders: Tony Brevillier, Karleen Schofield. Observers: Ed Bowditch, Glenn Hageman. Constant rain, wind north 15-20 mph, 41-47°F. 1 mile by car, 1 mile on foot, 0730-1030. 41 species, 174 individuals.

May 20-21, Saturday-Sunday (ECO)

Eastern Colorado to include: Byers to Bonny State Reservoir, via Last Chance and pond between Lindon and Anton.

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery. Observers: Kitty Albee, Claudine Albee, Mary Ann Brown, Barbara Browne, Buzz Bowers, Shirley Bowers, Cindy Cairella, Glenn Hageman, Jeanne Hageman, Betty Harwood, Stan Harwood, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Pearl Jordan, Jackie King, Margie Mills, Bob Montgomery, Marty Montgomery, Jean Morgan, Dorothy Sutherlin, Jean Tarbell, Ronda Woodward, Vic Zerbi. May 20: Cloudy, rain late. May 21: Cloudy early, clearing late. May 20, 0700-1900. May 21, 0600-1800. 115 species, 2,446 individuals.

May 20, Saturday (FCR)

Fountain Creek Regional Park and Colorado Springs SWA

Leaders: Ed Holub, Karleen Schofield.

Observers: Toni Brevillier, Paul Lotz, Peter Lowen, Colleen Marley, Rick Olson, Buzz Schaumberg. Mostly cloudy, wind south 0-3 mph, 46-58°F. 19 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot. 0730-1430. 76 species, 659 individuals.

May 20, Saturday (RRA)

Rigli Ranch and Southwestern Morgan County

Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Marv Colman, Shirley Colman, Dave Compton, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer, Tom Faxon, Virginia Faxon, Elizabeth Kreider, Kent Kreider, Peter Mulholland, Calaine Ohmert, Mort Staatz. Cool, overcast, turning to drizzle late, wind east northeast 1-7 mph, 50-60°F. 16 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0830-1600. 64 species, 697 individuals.

May 21, Sunday (ROX)

Roxborough State Park, Carpenter Peak Trail

Leader: Doris Cruze. Observers: Wanda Dudak, Boe Freeburn, Brenda Freeburn, Lindsey Freeburn, Mary McEleny, Calaine Ohmert. Clear early, partly cloudy late, wind south 5-10 mph, 45-70°F. Zero miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 0730-1300. 39 species, 146 individuals.

May 21, Sunday (PNG)

Pawnee National Grassland, Crow Valley Campground to Grover

Leader: Ron Ryder. Observers: Dan Bridges, Bill Burch, Olive Burch, Norma Erickson, Jim Fredlund, Joan Fredlund, Myriam Friggens, Mary Kippes, Rick Olson, David Quesenberry, Rob Wilson. Foggy early, sunny later, 42-65°F. 56 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 0730-1600. 72 species, 583 individuals.

May 24, Wednesday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park, Castlewood Canyon

Leader: Gail Evans. Observers: David Laliberte, Joe TenBrink. Overcast, wind south 5-10 mph,

35-40°F. 12 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. 0630-1430. 81 species, 754 individuals.

May 27, Saturday (SWE)

Southwest Metro to include: Highline Canal, McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers and Daniels Park

Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Gail Brown, Dave Compton, Dave Conant, Lynn Conant, Mary Dexter, Tom Faxon, Virginia Faxon, Pearl Jordan, Elizabeth Kreider, Kent Kreider, Chuck Metzger, Mary Metzger, Jean Morgan, Alberta Nelson, Nick Schmidt, Annette Steinbach. Cloudy, intermittent rain, wind northeast 8-12 mph, 40-45°F. 31 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0730-1530. 60 species, 501 individuals.

May 28, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Richard Cookingham, Peter Lowen, Amy Young. Cloudy, light rain early, clearing late, wind northwest 5 mph, 48-62°F. 81 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 0630-1400. 66 species, 1,325 individuals.

May 29, Monday (TWP)

Two Ponds

Leader: David Rhoades. Observers: Dave Compton, Dolores Gable, Jim Gable, Jill Knaak, Peter Mulholland, Diana Mullineaux, Don Mullineaux, Jim Newell, Nina Newell, Barbara Smith, Bill Urquhart, Nancy Urquhart, Carley Warren. Overcast, rainy, wind calm, 48°F. 1 mile by car, 1 mile on foot. 0800-1230. 35 species, 176 individuals.

May 31, Wednesday (FTM)

Brush and Dodd Bridge SWAs, Canfield Park at Ft. Morgan, Muir Springs, Jackson Reservoir

Leader: Norm Lewis. Observers: George Armbrust, Ted Cooper, Jack Reddall, Bob Spencer. Foggy and overcast early, clearing late, wind variable 0-10 mph, 45-75°F. 195 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 0630-1830. 85 species, 1,312 individuals.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

May 2, Tuesday (BCL)

Bear Creek Lake Park, Lakewood

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 34 observers. Sunny, wind northwest 7-14 mph, 46°F. 7 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 0900-1230. 51 species, 417 individuals.

May 9, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers. Mostly cloudy, light rain, wind north 10-20 mph, 45-53°F. 10 miles by car, 2 miles on foot. 0830-1330. 57 species, 807 individuals.

May 16, Tuesday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 34 observers. Cloudy, wind east 5-10 mph, 57-65°F. 5 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. 0830-1230. 73 species, 879 individuals.

May 23-24, Tuesday-Wednesday (PNG)

Barbour Ponds to Pawnee National Grassland including Pawnee Butte Overlook

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 21 observers. Overcast with intermittent drizzle, wind northeast 0-10 mph, 35-45°F. 169 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Tuesday 0800-1700, Wednesday 0800-1530. 91 species, 3,711 individuals.

May 30, Tuesday (LWR)

Lower White Ranch

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers. Cloudy, some rain, wind north 5-10 mph, 50°F. 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0900-1230. 38 species, 155 individuals.

SPRING COUNT

May 10, Wednesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Lori Chappell, Carol Drew, Walt Hackney, Kathryn Hiltze, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Dianne

Koshak, Bob Righter. Partly cloudy, calm, 40-60°F. 12 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. 0600-1330. 86 species, 576 individuals.

May 13, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek, Marston Reservoir

Leaders: Bob Spencer, Mary Jane Schock.

Observers: Bobby Ausfahl, V. Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Carolyn Cooley, Patty Echelmeyer, Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Chuck Walters. Sunny, wind north 10-25 mph, 38-60°F. 72 miles by car (four groups), 5.5 miles on foot. 0630-1500. 83 species, 2,974 individuals.

May 13, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Gail Evans, Marc Kelly, Peter Lowen, Bill Miller, Larry Modesitt, Bob Righter. Partly cloudy, wind west 0-10 mph, 41-66°F. 31 miles by car, 4.5 miles on foot. 0600-1640. 87 species, 724 individuals.

May 13, Saturday (WTR)

Waterton

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery. Observers: Paul Barrett, Eric France, Peter Gillette, David Gulbenkian, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Tim Kuesel, Jim Norton, Deb Ostergard, Tim Schowalter. Clear, occasionally windy, 45-60°F. 8 miles by car, 6 miles on foot. 0600-1600. 101 species, 1,427 individuals.

May 14, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Jim Norton, Chuck Walters. Cloudy early, clearing late, wind calm, 38-62°F. 110 miles by car, 1 mile on foot. 0600-1600. 76 species, 1,820 individuals.

May 14, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz. No observers. Mostly sunny, 40-65°F. 25 miles by car, 5 miles on foot. 0530-1430. 68 species, 675 individuals.

May 14, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Warren Finch, Dick Schottler.

Observers: Tim Mitzen, Jean Morgan, Bob Righter, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer.

Cloudy to partly cloudy, wind north 0-15 mph, 40-60°F. 0.5 miles by car, 7 miles on foot.

0600-1500. 93 species, 1,364 individuals.

May 14, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leaders: Hugh and Urling Kingery. Observers:

Lavonne Axford, Kathy Bollhoefer, Anne

Caples, Casey Racer, Arlene Raskin, Cliff Villa.

Clear, 40-60°F. 20 miles by car, 3 miles on foot.

0630-1530. 99 species, 1,483 individuals.

MAY 1995...FIELDS OF TANAGERS

Editor's Note: Lynn Willcockson's notes from his May 27 field trip to the Southwest Metro area will strike a somewhat soggy note with any of us who slogged through the last half of May 1995.

The month of wet weather seemed to have an interesting effect on the birds. The birds were low to the ground. It was an exception to see one more than ten feet off the ground. Most, in fact, were within five feet of the ground, even kingbirds and orioles. It became obvious that the snow and cold weather at the higher elevations were holding back the movement of certain species to their summer habitat.

This was especially obvious for two species: pewees and tanagers. Western Wood-Pewees were seen in every open area, perched on top of yuccas and low shrubs and moving just above the ground looking for insects. The real treat, and most interesting event of the day, was a "field of tanagers". We were northwest of Sedalia and had stopped to look at a wet Western Bluebird perched on a fence post. While we were stopped, an equally wet Western Tanager flew to the lower strand of barbed wire. We then noticed in the field beyond the fence, a field of about 75 yards wide by 50 yards deep, other Western Tanagers moving between yuccas

and low shrubs. There was not a tree in this field and yet there were fifteen or more tanagers, mostly males, crisscrossing the field in search of food. Some would fly straight at us and perch on the fence for a brief moment before returning to the field. In the same field Eastern and Western Kingbirds worked back and forth, as well. A most interesting sight, and a most interesting day, both because, and in spite of the weather.

Lynn Willcockson

TWO JOIN COLORADO 400 CLUB

Pueblo's irrepressible Brandon Percival rang up his 400th Colorado species May 5, a Kentucky Warbler at Lamar Community College.

Norm Erthal, voice of the Rare Bird Alert, tallied Colorado number 400 with a Scott's Oriole May 25 at Dinosaur Valley west of Grand Junction.

Congratulations to both Brandon and Norm on achieving this remarkable milestone!

IN MEMORIAM

Long-time DFO member Helen Singer died May 6 at Porter Hospice after a long bout with cancer.

Most of us will remember Helen as an excellent birder who, along with Nancia Jones, specialized in, and really enjoyed, birding Cherry Creek State Park.

DFO MONTEREY TRIP OCTOBER 4-9

Bob Righter's upcoming trip to the Monterey California Peninsula will include three full days birding this region's rocky coasts, estuaries, headlands and coastal mountain canyons, as well as pelagic trips October 6 and 7.

All expenses will be shared. Costs associated with the Monterey part of the trip are anticipated at approximately \$500 per person. Maximum eight birders.

Contact Bob Righter at 692-8529 for additional information.

DFO 1 OF 6 SPECIES	3	6	6	6	7	7	10	13	17	20/21	20	20	21	21	24	27	28	29	31
	GGP	WAP	WRG	SEC	PRR	CSP	SPP	DOD	FCR	ECO	FCR	RRA	ROX	PNG	PRP	SWE	BLP	TWP	FTM
Common Loon																			1
Pied-billed Grebe		7			1				1	2	1								1
Horned Grebe																			1
Eared Grebe										2					4				
Western Grebe		1			40		7												13
Clark's Grebe					1														
American White Pelican		76		4	43					2							64	4	60
Double-crested Cormorant		7	13		2	25	4		1	51	2					1	56	4	15
American Bittern																			1
Great Blue Heron		8	1	5	3	15	1		7	3	7	3		1	6	1	18		4
Great Egret		1																	
Snowy Egret		1		1													1		
Little Blue Heron																	1		
Cattle Egret																	7		
Black-crowned Night-Heron			6				1			3							4	2	
White-faced Ibis				200	30												19		
Canada Goose	10	41	10a8i		5	8	14		6		30				4	7	60	15	15
Wood Duck					15										1	7			2
Green-winged Teal		4		20	5	4				1		4			2	3			
Mallard	11	8	8	20	50	10	16	2	7	11	6	5			8	4	20	11	7
Northern Pintail				5	1												4		
Blue-winged Teal		4		20	8	2	12		6	8	1				5		7		2
Cinnamon Teal					6	1	1										6		1
Northern Shoveler		7		40	18	6			4	2					16		14		
Gadwall	2	4	4	20	22	10	2		2		20	9			4		2		
American Wigeon		5		10	2	2													
Redhead	1				1	1									8				8
Ring-necked Duck	3	5				2											2		
Lesser Scaup	1	4			5										6		4		4
Bufflehead		7				4									3				
Hooded Merganser		2																	
Common Merganser						4	1									2			
Red-breasted Merganser	3																		
Ruddy Duck		1			25		18								4				5
Turkey Vulture				5		2		4		8			1	1	3	2			
Osprey		1					1												
Northern Harrier				2	1					4		2		2	1		2		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				1		1												
Cooper's Hawk										1									
Broad-winged Hawk										2									
Swainson's Hawk				20	7					22	1	4	1	2	2		5	1	5
Red-tailed Hawk	3	1			2	4		1								1	3		3
Western races				2			1			9	5	1			4				
Ferruginous Hawk												2	1	1					

DFO 2 OF 6 SPECIES	3 GGP	6 WAP	6 WRG	6 SEC	7 PRR	7 CSP	10 SPP	13 DOD	17 FCR	20/21 ECO	20 FCR	20 RRA	21 ROX	21 PNG	24 PRP	27 SWE	28 BLP	29 TWP	31 FTM
Golden Eagle						2		1		1			1		2				
American Kestrel	3			25	17	4	2	1		1	3	2			1	3	10		6
Merlin						1													
Peregrine Falcon					3					1									
Prairie Falcon															1				
Ring-necked Pheasant		2		1	2					2		1					3		
Wild Turkey				4						1	7				1		1		
Northern Bobwhite																			5
Virginia Rail					1						2								
Sora		2		1	1										1				
American Coot		7	2		25				5	5	6								15
Black-bellied Plover				4															
Killdeer	1	5		5	12	1	2			2	1	8		4	5		7		17
Mountain Plover														2					
American Avocet		5		20	6					1	2						11		
Greater Yellowlegs		1		1															
Lesser Yellowlegs												1							
Solitary Sandpiper		1					1												
Willet				1	1														
Spotted Sandpiper		1		2	7		4		2	12	1	1			1				3
Marbled Godwit				1															
Semipalmated Sandpiper					2														
"Peep" species										15									
Stilt Sandpiper				1															
Long-billed Dowitcher				60	1														
Common Snipe					1					3					1		4		1
Wilson's Phalarope				25	1					21		7		1	5				
Franklin's Gull	2			1	86					58									
Bonaparte's Gull					2														2
Ring-billed Gull			21	10	2					2							5		
California Gull					200	2				1									7
Herring Gull																			
Caspian Tern																			2
Forster's Tern		12		2	1												20		1
Black Tern										1							6		35
Rock Dove	1		3	20	20		3	18		10	10		10	6	14		25	7	10
Mourning Dove	2	3	8	30	40	6	8		1	151	25	30	2	5	20	6	80	15	75
Yellow-billed Cuckoo										1									
Barn Owl												1		1					
Great Horned Owl		1		1	1		1				3	4					1a1i		1
Burrowing Owl				1						1		1		1			1		
Common Nighthawk										8				1					2
Common Poorwill												1							
Chimney Swift				20						1	2							1	

DFO 3 OF 6 SPECIES	3	6	6	6	7	7	10	13	17	20/21	20	20	21	21	24	27	28	29	31
	GGP	WAP	WRG	SEC	PRR	CSP	SPP	DOD	FCR	ECO	FCR	RRA	ROX	PNG	PRP	SWE	BLP	TWP	FTM
White-throated Swift						2							6						
Calliope Hummingbird														1m					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1h							4			3		4	1	20	4			
Belted Kingfisher		1	2	1	3	1	2			1	2				1	1		1	3
Lewis' Woodpecker				1							2								
Red-headed Woodpecker										4									6
Red-bellied Woodpecker				1						2									
Red-naped Sapsucker	3																		
Downy Woodpecker	1	6	2		4	1				2	3			2	1	1			2
Eastern races			1	5															
Hairy Woodpecker						2				1									1
Eastern races				2															
Northern Flicker					9			3						1	5				15
"Yellow-shafted" race										4									
"Red-shafted" race	5	3	15	15		6	7		3		3					1	6	4	
Olive-sided Flycatcher										3									1
Western Wood-Pewee			1						2	12	10	3	3	2	12	17	4	1	25
Willow Flycatcher										1									3
Least Flycatcher				1	1				1	24									7
Dusky Flycatcher													1						
Empidonax species				2						14		12			1			1	6
Say's Phoebe				5	1				1		1	5	1	3					
Great-crested Flycatcher				1						1									
Western Kingbird				30	31					52	4	12	1	3	5	7	25		10
Eastern Kingbird				1	3				1	38	3	8		5	2	4	2		15
Horned Lark				20	1					46		20		50		4	33		1
Tree Swallow	1	8			4	250	8		1						8				2
Violet-green Swallow	1	4				200	29		4		15		8		30	200	4		
No. Rough-winged Swallow		1			3		7		8	30	50			2	6	1	1	1	25
Bank Swallow		3								5	1				45		2		2
Cliff Swallow		4		40	1	250	20	20		66	5			10	30	11	110	3	50
Barn Swallow	6	20	2	20	64		6	6	12	20	30	20		30	40	31	110	2	50
Steller's Jay	17												2		2				
Blue Jay			3	10	12					12	15			6		1	2	3	15
Scrub Jay													5		6				
Black-billed Magpie	9	6	15	20	15	12	12	12	4	3	7	2	2		15	8	23	6	9
American Crow	7	1	1	5		3					2		1		4	2		2	
Common Raven	1	1				2		8					2		1				
Black-capped Chickadee		5	10	5	17	6	14	10	1	7	6		12		4	3	5		3
Mountain Chickadee	9																		
Red-breasted Nuthatch										1									
White-breasted Nuthatch						1					1				1	1			2h
Pygmy Nuthatch	6															1			
Rock Wren					1							1		1	2				

DFO 4 OF 6 SPECIES	3 GGP	6 WAP	6 WRG	6 SEC	7 PRR	7 CSP	10 SPP	13 DOD	17 FCR	20/21 ECO	20 FCR	20 RRA	21 ROX	21 PNG	24 PRP	27 SWE	28 BLP	29 TWP	31 FTM
Canyon Wren													1	1					
House Wren		7	1	20	40	6	10	2	1	99	20	4	1	9	40	9			
Marsh Wren					25					1									2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	1		5	1					1									
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				2	2			25		4			15		1	1			1
Eastern Bluebird					3					1									
Western Bluebird													2		12	5			
Mountain Bluebird	6														18	3			
Townsend's Solitaire	4																		
Veery					1					1				1					
Swainson's Thrush										62		20		3			1	1	5
Hermit Thrush				1				1		1				1					1
American Robin	19	7	20	30	22	6	11		11	22	25	10	3	25	20	11	29	6	25
Gray Catbird										12		6		6	3				2
Northern Mockingbird				1	2						1	5		4					
Sage Thrasher				1															
Brown Thrasher				25	7					3		6		8					11
American Pipit	5																		
Cedar Waxwing					125				1	15	12	15							
Loggerhead Shrike				1	1					5	1	3		2			1		
European Starling	2	15	12	50	45	30	6	4	1	12	40	5		20	20	9	85	4	100
Bell's Vireo										3									
Solitary Vireo											4		1						
"Plumbeous" race				1	1							1							
Warbling Vireo										6	5								1h
Red-eyed Vireo										4									
Golden-winged Warbler				1f															
Tennessee Warbler										2		1		1					1
Orange-crowned Warbler		4	15	20	50		2	1		6	1	3		3					
Virginia's Warbler		1						25			5		1						
Northern Parula										1									
Yellow Warbler		1	1	10	9				1	148	60	25	2	3	18	6	4	1	75
Chestnut-sided Warbler										2									
Magnolia Warbler										2									
Black-throated Blue Warbler				1m															
Yellow-rumped Warbler		60			52			8				10					1	3	1
"Myrtle" race			45	40		5	31		4	3	5		2			6			
"Audubon's" race			92	20		15	45		5	14	20		2	2		3			
Blk-throated Gray Warbler									1f										
Blackpoll Warbler				1m						7									
Black-and-white Warbler				1f	1						1	1	2						
American Redstart									12f	11	2	2		2					3
Ovenbird					1					3				1					1h
Northern Waterthrush				2	1				1	6		2						1	

DFO 5 OF 6
SPECIES

	3	6	6	6	7	7	10	13	17	20/21	20	20	21	21	24	27	28	29	31
	GGP	WAP	WRG	SEC	PRR	CSP	SPP	DOD	FCR	ECO	FCR	RRA	ROX	PNG	PRP	SWE	BLP	TWP	FTM
Kentucky Warbler				1m															
MacGillivray's Warbler								1			2	1	1	1					
Common Yellowthroat		2		5	5				1	30	3				4		1	1	15
Hooded Warbler					1														
Wilson's Warbler				5				6	1m	3	20			2					
Yellow-breasted Chat				1						7	2	2		2		1			2
Scarlet Tanager										1									
Western Tanager			1	2							12	4	7		1	21		2	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak					1						1			1					
Black-headed Grosbeak				1m1f						4	8	2	9	4	7		1		8
Blue Grosbeak										1					3				
Lazuli Bunting				1m				2		3	4			5	1	4			2
Indigo Bunting				2m				1											
Indigo x Lazuli Bunting														1					
Green-tailed Towhee		1						6				1	4	3		1			
Rufous-sided Towhee				2	8	3		20		6	3	2	12	2	8	4			
Chipping Sparrow	1h		3	150	4			10		28		20			8	3	1		
Clay-colored Sparrow		1		20	4				2	39				2			1	4	
Brewer's Sparrow		2										15		3					
Vesper Sparrow	1h				2			5						10	7	2			
Lark Sparrow				30	9				1	3		15		15	12	11	3		1
Lark Bunting				200	7					454	10	200		200			65		40
Savannah Sparrow	1																		
Grasshopper Sparrow														1					
Song Sparrow	1h	20	10	1	1	6	10		4	2	6				9	2	1	4	
Lincoln's Sparrow		1		2	2					7	1	1		1		1			
White-throated Sparrow				1															
White-crowned Sparrow		5		70	23				3		2			2		3		1	
"Gambel's" race										1		8							
Harris' Sparrow										2									
Dark-eyed Junco	12			1															
"Oregon" race					2														
"Pink-sided" race													3						
"Gray-headed" race																1			
McCown's Longspur														25					
Chestnut-collared Longspur														2					
Bobolink															3				
Red-winged Blackbird	16	28	24	400	150	15	23	1	35	136	20	15		2	50	11	130	25	200
Western Meadowlark	2	1		60	32	20	8	20		141	5	10	1	10	18	7	52		15
Yellow-headed Blackbird		37		50	90					55							26		30
Brewer's Blackbird	20				10				2	1	4				8	1			
Great-tailed Grackle				1m															1
Common Grackle	10	10	8	200	4	30	10	1	4	114	5	20		12	15	9	65		100
Brown-headed Cowbird		11	1	5	30	10	1			20	4	6	6	6	24	7		1	50

DFO 6 OF 6	3	6	6	6	7	7	10	13	17	20/21	20	20	21	21	24	27	28	29	31
SPECIES	GGP	WAP	WRG	SEC	PRR	CSP	SPP	DOD	FCR	ECO	FCR	RRA	ROX	PNG	PRP	SWE	BLP	TWP	FTM
Orchard Oriole										57	2	1		1	12				10
Northern Oriole								4											10
"Baltimore" race										24									
"Bullock's" race				1	6	1				8	10	10	1	3	15	7	8	2	
Cassin's Finch	1															3			
House Finch	6	5	2	5		4	2		3	2	10			1	4	4	4	10	
Red Crossbill	3h														4				
Pine Siskin	6			1						3				10					
Lesser Goldfinch								3							14	3			
American Goldfinch			3	75	9	4		2		12	10		6	8	18	3			6
Evening Grosbeak	9																		
House Sparrow	3		15	15	30					36	15	75		11	3	4	45	26	10
TOTAL SPECIES	48	66	34	103	103	48	41	34	41	115	76	64	39	72	81	60	66	35	85
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	241	518	388	2335	1715	1007	365	238	174	2446	659	697	146	583	754	501	1325	176	1312

TUES BIRDERS 1 OF 2

SPECIES	2	9	16	23-24	30
	BCL	CCR	BAR	PNG	LWR
Pied-billed Grebe			1		
Horned Grebe	35		1		
Western Grebe	17	105			
American White Pelican		20	13	25	
Double-crested Cormorant	4	16	25	45	
Great Blue Heron	7	11	6	3	
Cattle Egret			12		
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2	4	1		
White-faced Ibis			60		
Canada Goose	10	21a7i	30	5	
Wood Duck			1m		
Green-winged Teal	1	2			
Mallard	9	13	42a8i	4	1
Northern Pintail			8		
Blue-winged Teal		2	6		
Cinnamon Teal			9		
Northern Shoveler	1	8	20		
Gadwall	11	22	2		
American Wigeon	1		2		
Redhead			8		
Lesser Scaup	10	5			
Hooded Merganser	1				
Common Merganser	51				
Ruddy Duck		9			
Turkey Vulture	2				1
Osprey	1	1		1	
Bald Eagle			2		
Northern Harrier		1		5	
Cooper's Hawk	1a1i			1	1
Northern Goshawk				1i	
Broad-winged Hawk	3				
Swainson's Hawk	1	2	7	17	
Red-tailed Hawk	3	2		2	2
Ferruginous Hawk				1	
Buteo species				2	
Golden Eagle				2	1
American Kestrel	5	1	2	5	
Peregrine Falcon				1	
Prairie Falcon				2	
Sora		1,2h			

SPECIES	2	9	16	23-24	30
	BCL	CCR	BAR	PNG	LWR
American Coot	4	60	28		
Semipalmated Plover				1	
Killdeer		3	4	10	
Mountain Plover				4	
American Avocet		10		2	
Lesser Yellowlegs				4	
Willet		1			
Spotted Sandpiper	1	13	7	1	
Western Sandpiper				3	
Least Sandpiper				3	
Baird's Sandpiper				3	
Short-billed Dowitcher				7	
Common Snipe	1			1	
Wilson's Phalarope			15	25	
Red-necked Phalarope			30		
Franklin's Gull		2	5		
Bonaparte's Gull		20			
Ring-billed Gull	2	27	1		
California Gull		4			
Gull species			4		
Forster's Tern		23	2		
Black Tern		1			
Rock Dove					10
Mourning Dove	8	1	8	130	15
Great Horned Owl	1a1i	1			
Burrowing Owl				1	
White-throated Swift	4				
Broad-tailed Hummingbird					5
Belted Kingfisher	8		1	1	
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	5	2	
Northern Flicker	11	1	3	1	
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1
Western Wood-Pewee			7	3	2
Cordilleran Flycatcher					1
Empidonax species			1	3	
♦ Black Phoebe				1	
Say's Phoebe				2	
Western Kingbird		2	19	3	
Eastern Kingbird			6	1	

TUES BIRDERS 2 OF 2

SPECIES	2	9	16	23-24	30
	BCL	CCR	BAR	PNG	LWR
Horned Lark				400	
Tree Swallow		3	4		
Violet-green Swallow	21			1	
No. Rough-winged Swallow			10	2	
Bank Swallow			2	1	
Cliff Swallow		2	1	1	
Barn Swallow	2	102	45	35	1
Steller's Jay					1
Blue Jay				4	
Scrub Jay					3
Black-billed Magpie	10	10	10	10	8
American Crow	1	1		1	7
Common Raven					2
Black-capped Chickadee	4	1	18		1
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1	
Rock Wren				1	
House Wren	2		31	5	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2			2	1
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			4		
Western Bluebird	3				
Mountain Bluebird					2
Townsend's Solitaire					2
Swainson's Thrush			3	25	
Hermit Thrush			1		
American Robin	25	6	15	50	3
Gray Catbird				6	
Northern Mockingbird				4	
Brown Thrasher			1	7	
Loggerhead Shrike				10	
European Starling	20	5	55	75	3
Solitary Vireo			2	5	
Warbling Vireo			3		
Orange-crowned Warbler	7	3		2	
Yellow Warbler		22	18	8	
Black-throated Blue Warbler				11	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	34	18	23	5	
"Audubon's" race					29
Northern Waterthrush				1	
MacGillivray's Warbler			3		
Common Yellowthroat		1	3		

SPECIES	2	9	16	23-24	30
	BCL	CCR	BAR	PNG	LWR
Wilson's Warbler			1		1
Yellow-breasted Chat				1	1
Western Tanager					3
Rose-breasted Grosbeak				1	
Black-headed Grosbeak				5	5
Blue Grosbeak				3	2
Lazuli Bunting				4	11
Green-tailed Towhee			8		
Rufous-sided Towhee	1			5	9
Chipping Sparrow		1	5	150	
Clay-colored Sparrow				15	
Brewer's Sparrow			1	3	
Vesper Sparrow				2	
Lark Sparrow		1	2	20	
Lark Bunting				2000	
Grasshopper Sparrow				2	
Song Sparrow	2	2	7		
Lincoln's Sparrow			1		
White-crowned Sparrow	1	2	7	4	3
Dark-eyed Junco	1				
McCown's Longspur				35	
Chestnut-collared Longspur				2	
Red-winged Blackbird	18	155	85	45	
Western Meadowlark	13	5	4	250	7
Yellow-headed Blackbird			20		
Brewer's Blackbird		9			
Common Grackle	6	2	30	70	
Brown-headed Cowbird			1	5	4
Orchard Oriole				1	
Northern Oriole					
"Bullock's" race		1	20	11	3
House Finch		10		10	
Pine Siskin				10	
Lesser Goldfinch					2
American Goldfinch			18	45	4
House Sparrow		20	5	15	
TOTAL SPECIES	51	57	73	91	38
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	417	807	879	3711	155

SPRING COUNT 1 OF 2

SPECIES

	10	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
	CCR	LBC	CSP	WTR	BLP	CAC	BAR	RMA
Common Loon		3						
Pied-billed Grebe	2	3						3
Eared Grebe	11		1	2			2	
Western Grebe	38		5				6	1
Clark's Grebe	1							
American White Pelican	27	46	6		4		6	11
Double-crested Cormorant	30	79		6	50		105	4
American Bittern			1					
Great Blue Heron	2	34	10	7	22	6	10	8
Cattle Egret					7			
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5	1			2		4	2
♦ Glossy Ibis					2			
White-faced Ibis	1				83			
Canada Goose	12	69	30	12	25		60	44
Wood Duck	2			4	4		2	
Green-winged Teal	8	11	10	4	5		6	6
Mallard	40	125	12	8	13	5	25	23
Northern Pintail					12		7	
Blue-winged Teal	2	2		32	11		15	8
Cinnamon Teal				44	9		10	2
Northern Shoveler	6		4	60	6		15	46
Gadwall	4	27	20	30	55		20	8
American Wigeon	2	11	2	2	2			
Canvasback	2							
Redhead	2		2	2			1	161
Ring-necked Duck	1		2	34	3			1
Lesser Scaup	1	20		8	2			2
Bufflehead	2	17	3	56			3	3
Common Merganser		12	5	12				
Ruddy Duck	30	2		2	2		6	4
Turkey Vulture	1	2	4	5		19		
Osprey				1				
Bald Eagle			1	1			2a2i	1
Northern Harrier	2				2		2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1	1				1
Cooper's Hawk	2	1		1		1		
Swainson's Hawk	1	11		1	12	1	10	9
Red-tailed Hawk	3	1	2					
Western races		2		6		4	1	9
"Harlan's" race					1			
Golden Eagle				2				
American Kestrel	1	5	2	5	6	3	3	9
Peregrine Falcon				1				
Ring-necked Pheasant	3h		1		2		5	9
Wild Turkey								1
Virginia Rail	3,2h		1	6				
Sora			1	1				
American Coot	10	25	4	2	1		10	6
Killdeer	2	16	7	5	24	2	6	8
American Avocet			4	3	25			7
Greater Yellowlegs	1							

SPECIES

	10	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
	CCR	LBC	CSP	WTR	BLP	CAC	BAR	RMA
Lesser Yellowlegs								1
Solitary Sandpiper	2							
Willet	2							
Spotted Sandpiper	2	41	14	5		1	14	3
Long-billed Curlew					1			
Marbled Godwit								1
Ruddy Turnstone					1			
Least Sandpiper			1					
Long-billed Dowitcher					28			5
Common Snipe	1				6		1	
Wilson's Phalarope		1	1	1	110		2	7
Red-necked Phalarope		5		62	4			1
Franklin's Gull		35					3	
Bonaparte's Gull	1	1						
Ring-billed Gull	10	75	3		35		2	4
California Gull	2		2	2				
Gull species		2						
Common Tern					2			
Forster's Tern	16	5			7		1	2
Black Tern					30			3
Rock Dove	4	57	8	8	34	6	1	4
Mourning Dove	12	100	20	32	95	25	15	27
Great Horned Owl		4a3i	1	1a1i	1a2i		2a2i	3
Burrowing Owl					2			3
Common Poorwill								2
White-throated Swift				60		3		
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			3	4		2		
Belted Kingfisher	3	1	6	3	1	1	2	
Lewis' Woodpecker						1		
Downy Woodpecker	3	1	8	5		2		2
Eastern races							4	
Hairy Woodpecker						1		
Northern Flicker	2		15					
"Red-shafted" race		44		5	3	6	15	2
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1				1		1
Western Wood-Pewee		4	1		1		6	9
Willow Flycatcher								1
Least Flycatcher	1							
Hammond's Flycatcher							2	
Dusky Flycatcher			1					2
Empidonax species		1					2	3
Eastern Phoebe				1				
Say's Phoebe		1		2		2	2	1
Western Kingbird	1	1	2	1	42	1	10	25
Eastern Kingbird			1		1	2	8	1
Horned Lark			8	2	60			1
Tree Swallow	6		50	65		10	10	1
Violet-green Swallow		364	25	140	6	37		
No. Rough-winged Swallow	3	52	10	38	4	12	5	
Bank Swallow		21	15	5			1	6
Cliff Swallow	1	59	10	30	45	60	160	2

SPRING COUNT 2 OF 2

SPECIES	10	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
	CCR	LBC	CSP	WTR	BLP	CAC	BAR	RMA
Barn Swallow	50	123	10	134	145	11	250	46
Steller's Jay						6		
Blue Jay		5	3	1	1	2	2	1
Scrub Jay			1	1		12		
Black-billed Magpie	10	93	20	2	35	22	10	38
American Crow	2	10	3	5		5		
Common Raven		4		2		1		
Black-capped Chickadee	3	28	20	14	2	16	5	4
Mountain Chickadee		6				18		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		6				2	1	
White-breasted Nuthatch			1	1		8		
Pygmy Nuthatch						2		
Rock Wren						1	1	1
Canyon Wren						3		
House Wren	3	19	30	36	4	30	35	63
Marsh Wren	1							
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		2	6		5	5	
Eastern Bluebird								1
Western Bluebird						14		
Mountain Bluebird			3			19		
Townsend's Solitaire						1		
Veery							1	1
Swainson's Thrush							15	4
Hermit Thrush							5	1
American Robin	15	141	10	13	60	40	3	48
Gray Catbird				2				1
Brown Thrasher							1	
Cedar Waxwing		2		3				
Loggerhead Shrike	2			1	2			3
European Starling	10	209	40	15	150	22	40	47
Solitary Vireo		1				4		
Warbling Vireo	1			2			1	
Orange-crowned Warbler	3	5	4	1	1		7	2
Nashville Warbler					1			
Virginia's Warbler	1	2	1	9		4		1
Yellow Warbler	1	8	30	32	8		15	18
Yellow-rumped Warbler		135	60			17		42
"Myrtle" race	7	10		12	2		20	7
"Audubon's" race	20	24		69	8		30	37
Palm Warbler								2
Black-and-white Warbler				1				
American Redstart			1	3				1

SPECIES	10	13	13	13	14	14	14	14
	CCR	LBC	CSP	WTR	BLP	CAC	BAR	RMA
Northern Waterthrush							10	
MacGillivray's Warbler				1			4	1
Common Yellowthroat	4		5	7		2	7	3
Wilson's Warbler	1	3	2	2	1		1	4
Yellow-breasted Chat			5	9				
Western Tanager		5	7	9			2	5
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		1		1				
Black-headed Grosbeak	1		1	2		6	3	3
Blue Grosbeak			1				1	
Lazuli Bunting		1	2	7		1		
Green-tailed Towhee	1		3	1		1	10	7
Rufous-sided Towhee		8	12	31		46	5	4
Tree Sparrow		2						
Chipping Sparrow	4	18	3		9	2	80	245
Clay-colored Sparrow							3	17
Brewer's Sparrow					1		2	11
Vesper Sparrow		6		12		17	7	1
Lark Sparrow				1	1		1	7
Savannah Sparrow	1		1					
Song Sparrow	8	27	4	14	1	8	12	4
Lincoln's Sparrow	1		2	3			10	16
White-crowned Sparrow	1	2	2				3	
"Gambel's" race				1				7
Dark-eyed Junco								
"Gray-headed" race						1	1	
Bobolink		1				7		
Red-winged Blackbird	45	243	20	33	85	42	30	128
Western Meadowlark	10	27	15	20	50	18	20	46
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1	39			60		1	12
Brewer's Blackbird	1		2	8		19		
Common Grackle	8	148	10	5	130		60	23
Brown-headed Cowbird	8	2	4	13		15	3	62
Northern Oriole	1		12					
"Baltimore" race					2			
"Bullock's" race		7		12	7		15	19
House Finch	10	184	1	3	50		2	4
Red Crossbill						2		
Pine Siskin						6		
Lesser Goldfinch				6		1		
American Goldfinch	4		25	16			5	3
House Sparrow	2	75		4	90	2	5	6
TOTAL SPECIES	86	83	87	101	76	68	93	99
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	576	2974	724	1427	1820	675	1364	1483

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - MAY 1995

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

♦ **Yellow-billed Loon** (2i) 5/11, Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County, BP (F)

Little Blue Heron (1i molting) 5/8, Lake Holbrook, Otero County, BP MJ (F)

♦ **Glossy Ibis** (1ba) 5/12-13, E. 120th Ave. at Buckley Rd., Adams County, KS (F)

(1) 5/14, E. 120th Ave. at Buckley Rd., Adams County, TM VM

Osprey (2n?) 5/18, Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County, JM JTB

♦ **Black Rail** (16h) 5/12, Bent's Old Fort Marsh, Rd. JJ at Rd. 19, Otero and Bent Counties, BP VT (F)

(1h) 5/13, Bent's Old Fort Marsh, Otero County, BM RB TL

Piping Plover (2a) 5/1, Upper Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County, BP (F)

Whimbrel (2) 5/1, Lake Cheraw, Otero County, BP

(1) 5/1, Lake Henry, Crowley County, BP MJ

(1) 5/10, Antero Reservoir, Park County, RB

(16) 5/15, Blue Lake, Bent County, DB

White-rumped Sandpiper (1) 5/31, Lake Cheraw, Otero County, BP

♦ **Laughing Gull** (1a) 5/1, Lake Henry, Crowley County, BP MJ (F)

Caspian Tern (1a) 5/4, Lake Henry, Crowley County, BP

(2) 5/25, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, JTB

Western Screech-Owl (1) 5/7, Green Mountain Falls, Teller County, RB

(1h) 5/12, Bent's Old Fort, Otero County, BP VT

(1) 5/27, Rd. 24, Grand Junction, Mesa County, BL BP DE DL JB

Boreal Owl (1h) 5/28, east side of Buffalo Pass, Jackson County, DB

Ladder-backed Woodpecker (1m1f) 5/2-25, Red Rocks Canyon, Las Animas County, RB

(2) 5/12, Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County, BP VT

♦ **Eastern Wood-Pewee** (1) 5/14, Bear Creek at Rd. 52, Baca County, BP MH MJ VZ

Willow Flycatcher (1) 5/8, Lamar, Prowers County, BP MJ

(1) 5/17, Valco Ponds, Pueblo, Pueblo County, BP

(5) 5/18-19, Pastorius Reservoir, La Plata County, TL mo

(1) 5/21, Olive Marsh, Pueblo, Pueblo County, BP MY

(1) 5/27, Connected Lakes State Park, Mesa County, BP mo

(3) 5/28, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, JE TL

♦ **Alder Flycatcher** (1) 5/28, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, JE TL (F)

Least Flycatcher (1-2) 5/5-18, Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County, BP MJ mo

(1) 5/10, Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County, BP

(2) 5/19, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, GE

(3) 5/31, Turkey Creek Maps Station, El Paso County, BM RB SB

Hammond's Flycatcher (1) 5/28, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, TL

Dusky Flycatcher (1) 5/30, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County, JTB

Gray Flycatcher (6) 5/20, Temple Canyon Park, Fremont County, BP VT
 (1) 5/25, Lykin's Gulch, Boulder County, JHI TE VD

♦ **Black Phoebe** (1) 5/19 and 5/21, Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
 (1a) 5/28, Uravan Bridge, Montrose County, BP mo (F)

Great-crested Flycatcher (1-2) 5/3-8, Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County, BP MJ mo
 (1) 5/18, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP

Chihuahuan Raven (2n) 5/4, Bursam Camp, Las Animas County, RB
 (4) 5/12, west of Campo on Rd. J, Baca County, BP VT
 (3 nests) 5/23, north of Brown Sheep Camp, Las Animas County, RB

Bewick's Wren (1) 5/20, Endovalley, Rocky Mountain National Park, Larimer County, RC

Veery (1) 5/12, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, DE KS
 (1) 5/14, Bear Creek at Rd. 52, Baca County, BP MH MJ VZ
 (1) 5/14, Rd. JJ at Rd. 16, Bent County, BP, MJ
 (2) 5/19, Wagonwheel Campground, Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County, BP
 (1) 5/21, Lake Estes, Larimer County, SW
 (1) 5/23, Lake Henry, Crowley County, BD BP MJ
 (1) 5/26, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, JE TL

♦ **Wood Thrush** (1) 5/8 and 5/14, Rd. JJ at Rd. 16, Bent County, BP MJ (F)

Blue-winged Warbler (1m) 5/12, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP VT (F)

Golden-winged Warbler (1f) 5/6, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP mo (F)

Tennessee Warbler (1m) 5/6-7, Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County, BP JP JRa LD
 (1) 5/15, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, JTB
 (1) 5/21, WheatRidge Greenbelt, Jefferson County, JK KS NK
 (1) 5/22, Castlewood Canyon Rd. at Willow Creek, Douglas County, GE

Nashville Warbler (1m) 5/5, Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County, BP MJ
 (1m) 5/7, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP JP JRa LD
 (1f) 5/8, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP JRo MJ
 (1m) 5/9, WheatRidge Greenbelt, Jefferson County, JTB KS

Northern Parula (1m) 5/7, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP JHI MJ
 (1m) 5/13, Hannah Ranch SWA, El Paso County, BP GB
 (1sm) 5/23, Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County, BD BP MJ

Chestnut-sided Warbler (1m) 5/5 Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP MJ
 (1m) 5/13, Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County, BM RB TL
 (1m) 5/14, east of Fort Lyon on Rd. JJ, Bent County, BP MJ
 (1m) 5/23, Lake Henry, Crowley County, BP

Magnolia Warbler (1m) 5/16, St. Vrain River, Lyons, Boulder County, KS
 (1f) 5/18, Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County, BP JM JTB
 (1m) 5/23, Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County, BD BP MJ

Black-throated Blue Warbler (1m) 5/5-6, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP MJ mo
 (1m) 5/23, Lake Henry, Crowley County, BD BP MJ

Black-throated Gray Warbler (1m) 5/12, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, DE KS
 (12) 5/20, Temple Canyon Park, Fremont County, BP VT
 (1f) 5/23, east of Fort Lyon on Rd. JJ, Bent County, BD BP MJ

Townsend's Warbler (1f) 5/7, Willow Creek Park, Lamar, Prowers County, BP JP JRa LD
 (1m) 5/7, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP MJ
 (1f) 5/27, near Colorado National Monument, Mesa County, BD BP

Black-throated Green Warbler (1) 5/11, Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County, NE

Bay-breasted Warbler (1) 5/21, Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County, VZ

Blackpoll Warbler, 10 reports various locations
 Black-and-white Warbler, 11 reports various locations
 Prothonotary Warbler (1m) 5/10, Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County, BP ME (F)
 Worm-eating Warbler (1a) 5/3, Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County, BP (F)
 (1) 5/12, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, DB KS
 Ovenbird, 8 reports various locations
 Northern Waterthrush, 13 reports various locations
 Kentucky Warbler (1m) 5/5-6, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP MJ mo (F)
 Hooded Warbler (1f) 5/20, Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County, DB
 (1m) 5/31, Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County, DB
 Summer Tanager (1m) 5/6, McKenzie Entrance Arkansas River Walk, Canon City, Fremont County, JM
 (1f) 5/8, Lamar Community College, Prowers County, BP JHI JRo MJ
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow (12) 5/12, Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County, BP VT
 (1) 5/13, Welsch Canyon, Las Animas County, BM RB TL
 (2) 5/13, Pinyon Canyon Military Reservation, Las Animas County, BM RB TL
 (7s) 5/16-25, Red Rocks Canyon, Las Animas County, BM RB
 Field Sparrow (1) 5/24, 4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton, Jefferson County, TJ
 White-throated Sparrow (1) 5/3, Barr Lake State Park, Adams County, TL
 (1) 5/5, 2000 Cody St., Lakewood, Jefferson County, JMc
 (1) 5/18, Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County, JTB JM
 Great-tailed Grackle (1m) 5/4, near Barr Lake, Adams County, TL
 (12) 5/20, near Burlington, Kit Carson County, AH DH GH JH
 Scott's Oriole (1) 5/25, Dinosaur Valley, west of Grand Junction, Mesa County, NE
 (1m) 5/26, Stateline Juniper Stand, west of Mack, Mesa County, BP

AH = Al Hay, BD = Bob Dickson, BL = Bill Lisowsky, BM = Bob Maynard, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges,
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Betty Ambler	3333 E. Florida Ave., #109, Denver, 80210	722-5331
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Marvin and Shirley Colman	3023 S. Spruce Way, Denver, 80231	337-1356
Ellen Copeland	6988 E. Briarwood Cir., Englewood, 80112	220-8749
Kathleen Gibson	10571 Fourmile Canyon Dr., Boulder, 80302-9738	546-0550
John and Kathryn Hoover	14091 E. Marina Dr., #411, Aurora, 80014-3738	368-8519
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Steven Snyder	500 W. 123rd Ave., #3432, Westminster, 80234	255-8024
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT - MAY 1995

John and Katheryn Hoover
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TINA JONES OFFERS CLASSES

Good news! Tina Jones, our resident botanical expert will again be offering her expertise through the following classes:

Creating Habitat for Birds and Wildlife

July 27, 7-9 PM, lecture. July 29, 8-10 AM field trip to Tina's house. Emphasis on plantings for all wildlife, including butterflies. Learn which plants attract which bird species. Fee required. To register call the Denver Zoo Education Office 331-4118.

Iridescent Buzzing Bombers: Hummingbirds

August 1, 6:30-9:00 PM. Identification of southwest hummingbirds, behavior, courtship, plantings for hummers. On August 6, view plantings and hummingbirds in Tina's yard. Fee. To register call Denver Botanic Gardens 370-8020.

Birdhouse Basics

July 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon at Denver Botanic Gardens. Learn predator proofing of houses and what birds to attract with the correct boxes. Learn courtship behavior, nest identification. See actual nest specimens. Fee. To register call Denver Botanic Gardens 370-8020.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

July 1-3, Saturday-Monday (NPR) *North Park, Arapaho NWR, Colorado State Forest*

Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682. Meet at 0900 on Saturday at the Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden (North Park Motel 970-723-4271) or in primitive campground one mile north of town. Park pass required for Colorado State Forest. Bring lunch for three days. Call leader if going.

July 8, Saturday (HAR) *Park County, Jefferson, Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch*

Leader: Carol Hack, 777-7893. Meet to carpool at 0700 east of pancake house at Bear Valley Shopping Center (on S. Sheridan just north of US 285) or meet leader at 0830 across US 285 from Texaco station in Jefferson. Bring lunch.

July 9, Sunday (PVA) *Pine Valley (new Jefferson County Open Space)*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 233-4947. Meet at 0730 at Park and Ride on southwest corner of Hampden and S. Wadsworth. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

July 15, Saturday (AIC) *The Nature Conservancy's Aiken Canyon*

Leader: Susan Blackshaw, 719-275-8208. Meet to carpool at 0600 at southeast corner of Southmoor Park and Ride (from I-25 take Hampden Ave. east to Monaco, then south to Magnolia Way) or meet leader at 0800 at the canyon. From I-25 in Colorado Springs take the S. Nevada exit. Drive south on CO 115 for 15.8 miles to Turkey Canyon Ranch Road (0.1 miles south of milepost 32). Turn west and drive 200 yards to the preserve parking area. Bring lunch. This trip can be combined with the following trip for a weekend outing.

July 16, Sunday (ARW) *Arkansas River Walk at Canon City*

Leader: David Pantle, 719-275-8208. Should see Green Heron. Meet to carpool at 0600 at southeast corner of Southmoor Park and Ride (from I-25 take Hampden Ave. east to Monaco, then south to Magnolia Way) or meet leader at 0800 at Reynolds Bridge parking lot in Canon City. From Colorado Springs take CO 115 south, then west on US 50. At second stop light in Canon City (Burger King corner) turn left on Reynolds St. and go about one mile to the river. Cross bridge to parking area. Bring lunch, we'll eat at David's blufftop home overlooking the river and marshes. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

July 22, Saturday (RMN)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194. Meet to carpool at 0625 south of W. 38th Ave. on Vance St. (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet group at 0800 at Visitor's Center east of Beaver Meadows entrance to park. U.S. Park Pass required for each vehicle entering park. Bring lunch. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

July 23, Sunday (SIL)

High Country birding-Silverthorne area

Leader: Virginia Bleck, 320-6130. Meet to carpool at 0630 at the Park and Ride on the east side of Union just south of W. 6th Ave., or meet at 0800 at the Wendy's parking lot in Silverthorne (just west of the Dillon exit on CO 9). Bring lunch.

July 26, Wednesday (ARV)

Shorebirds of the Arkansas Valley

Leader: Duane Nelson, 277-9748. Call leader on July 15, 16, 22 or 23 for information about meeting place and time. Bring lunch.

July 29, Saturday (FIL)

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 757-7000. Meet at 0730 at Park and Ride on the east side of Union just south of W. 6th Ave., or at 0800 at Filius Park. Bring lunch.

July 29-30, Saturday-Sunday (TAM)

Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion and Jumbo Reservoir SWAs

Leader: Jack Reddall, 771-5308. Meet at 0630 on Saturday at the hunter check station at Tamarack Ranch SWA (0.5 miles north of the Crook exit off I-76). Camping at meeting place or at Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Motels in Sterling and Julesburg. \$3.00 SWA permit required for vehicles entering Jumbo Reservoir SWA. Bring lunch for two days. Call leader if going.

Scheduled by Marlene Eggerling, 369-6134.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

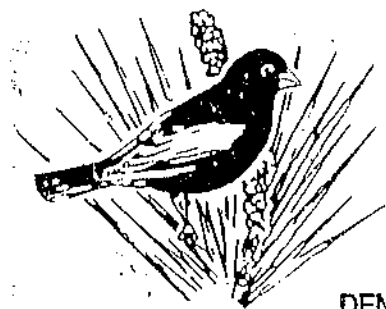
The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether enroute or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - JUNE 1995

June 3, Saturday (CHA)

Chatfield Arboretum.

Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl.

0700-1045. Zero miles by car, 1.75 miles on foot. Clear, calm, 50° F.

40 species, 334 individuals.

Observers: Ruth Barsch, Ursula Barsch, Dave Compton, Warren Finch, Tom Hablitzel, Charlie Lawrence, Alberta Nelson, Eleanor White.

June 4, Sunday (BCR)

Bear Creek, plains to mountains.

Leader: Cal Wichern.

0800-1400. 40 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, wind variable 4-7 mph, 60° F.

44 species, 173 individuals.

Observers: Hugh Ravatt, Ginny Schlageter.

June 11, Sunday (APX)

Apex Park.

Leader: Warren Finch.

0600-1230. Zero miles by car, 6.0 miles on foot.

Party Cloudy, wind calm, 50-70° F.

52 species, 246 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Sharon Ells, Peggy Gonder, Dave Gulbenkian, Randy Lentz, Beth Nowinski, Dave Quesenberry.

June 17, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park.

Leaders: Lee Rowe and Marilyn Rowe.

0800-1100. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, wind variable 19-24 mph, 64-68° F.

39 species, 342 individuals.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Scottie Annalde, Miriam Friggens, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, Mary Metzger.

June 18, Sunday (EVR)

Evergreen, Genesee to Summit Lake.

Leader: Dick Williams.

0720-1630. 45 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind 5-10 mph, 32-70° F.

54 species, 393 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Dave Quesenberry.

June 24, Saturday (RMN)

Rocky Mountain National Park.

Leader: Bob Righter.

0800-1500. 50 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind variable 3 mph, 60° F.

54 species, 290 individuals.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Miriam Friggens, David Gulbenkian, Martha Gulbenkian, Mark Hullinger, Pearl Jordon, Chuck Lowrie, Rick Olson, Brandon Percival, Tom Schowalter, Bob Spencer, Chuck Walters.

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June 25, Sunday

(BHP)

Belmar Historic Park.

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer.

0800-1100. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 1-2 mph, 50-75° F.

34 species, 639 individuals.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Dale Bucknam,

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Eichenberger, Warren Finch, Barbara Hagerman,

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TUESDAY BIRDERS

June 6, Tuesday

(PVR)

Pine Valley Ranch Park, Jeffco Open Space

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 Observers.

0900-1230. 16 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, calm, 56-68° F.

20 species, 79 individuals.

June 13, Tuesday

(SES)

*Southeast Suburban, to include Parker Regional
Park and Cherry Creek Reservoir.*

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers.

0830-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Mostly cloudy, wind variable 4-10 mph,

68-82° F.

33 species, 258 individuals.

June 20, Tuesday

(LLA)

Los Lagos near Rollinsville

Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin, Ann Bonnell.

38 observers.

0900-1200. 3 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind north 0-5 mph, 75° F.

27 species, 92 individuals.

June 27, Tuesday

(MGR)

*McGraw Ranch at Rocky Mountain National
Park, Cow Creek Trail and Prather Ashe
Property.*

Leader: Betsy Ashe, Prather Ashe, Ann Bonnell.

27 observers.

0900-1330. 6 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind southwest 2-15 mph,

62-74° F. 40 species, 149 individuals.

1 OF 3 SPECIES	3 CHA	4 BCR	11 APX	17 BAR	18 EVR	24 RMN	25 BHP	6 PVR	13 SES	20 LLA	27 MGR
Pied-billed Grebe							1a5i				
Western Grebe				5							
American White Pelican				4			2				
Double-crested Cormorant	3	2	2	18			4		1		
Great Blue Heron	2	2		4	1		1			1	1
Black-crowned Night-Heron		2	1						1		
Canada Goose		14		100			200				
Mallard	7	12		16	5	1	35		5a5i	2	1
Cinnamon Teal				3							
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.		2									
Gadwall	2	2		5			4				
Redhead		2					3				
Ring-necked Duck										3	
Turkey Vulture	1	1				1		3			2
Bald Eagle				2a1i							
Cooper's Hawk		1									
Northern Goshawk						1					
Swainson's Hawk	3			1			1				
Red-tailed Hawk					2	1		1	2		2
Western races		2	2								
Golden Eagle					1						
American Kestrel	2	2	1	2							
Ring-necked Pheasant				1							
Virginia Rail	1										
American Coot							15				
Killdeer	3	2		5			4				
American Avocet							12				
Spotted Sandpiper						1	4	2			
Ring-billed Gull				4							
Rock Dove		4	5				1				
Band-tailed Pigeon					22	1					
Mourning Dove	5	3	3	6	2	3	15	1	5		
Great Horned Owl	1										
Common Nighthawk									5	2	
White-throated Swift			6								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4	2	6		23	8		10	4	7	15
Belted Kingfisher		1					2				
Red-naped Sapsucker						3		1m			1
Williamson's Sapsucker					1	3				1m1f	6
Downy Woodpecker				1							1
Hairy Woodpecker					2						1m1f
Northern Flicker								1	3		4
"Red-shafted" race	4	8	4	6	8	4	7				
Olive-sided Flycatcher					2	1		4			
Western Wood-Pewee	17	2	2	4	5	4			8	3	2
Hammond's Flycatcher			2								
Dusky Flycatcher						1					
Cordilleran Flycatcher			7		1	1		1		3	3
Empidonax species				1							
Western Kingbird		1		2					1		
Eastern Kingbird		2		5					2		
Horned Lark	2					1					
Tree Swallow				2	4	2				9	3
Violet-green Swallow	4	6	2		19	20		8		10	12
No. Rough-winged Swallow	12	4		2			1				
Bank Swallow									30		
Cliff Swallow	120		2		1		100				
Barn Swallow	12	6	2	3	2		20	6			5

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SPECIES	3 CHA	4 BCR	11 APX	17 BAR	18 EVR	24 RMN	25 BHP	6 PVR	13 SES	20 LLA	27 MGR
Gray Jay					3						
Steller's Jay		1	8		8	10		1		5	
Blue Jay		1							1		
Scrub Jay			2								
Clark's Nutcracker					3	1					
Black-billed Magpie	4		10	12	3	20	2	1	1		
American Crow	1				7	3	1	4		3	6
Common Raven		2			9	4		2			4
Black-capped Chickadee	2		3	5	4				4		
Mountain Chickadee		1	3		8	5		2		4	4
Red-breasted Nuthatch					3	3					1
White-breasted Nuthatch			2		2	4					3
Pygmy Nuthatch		6	2		8	15				3	3
Rock Wren			3								
House Wren	8	2	8	6	1	15			2	1	9
American Dipper						1		2a2i			
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					12	15		2		7	3
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			2						2		
Western Bluebird					9						
Mountain Bluebird					12	6				4	4
Townsend's Solitaire						3					
Hermit Thrush					1	2				1	
American Robin	9	10	10	12	26	18	8	5	2	7	9
Gray Catbird									1		
American Pipit						12					
Cedar Waxwing								3	2		
European Starling	8	20	5	15	2		25		25		4
Solitary Vireo											
"Plumbeous" race			5								
Warbling Vireo	7		8	1h	8	5		2		2	5
Virginia's Warbler			5								
Yellow Warbler	11	3		5			2	2	5		
Yellow-rumped Warbler								3		5	1
"Myrtle" race			2								
"Audubon's" race			5		7	9					
Yellow-throated Warbler	1										
MacGillivray's Warbler			4								
Common Yellowthroat	6			3					2		
Wilson's Warbler			2		6	1					
Yellow-breasted Chat			5								
Western Tanager			10			2		1			3
Black-headed Grosbeak			7		3			1	2		1
Lazuli Bunting	10		10								
Green-tailed Towhee		1	10		5	2		2			2
Rufous-sided Towhee		6	15								
Chipping Sparrow			5		12	15				1	3
Vesper Sparrow					1	1					
Lark Bunting		2									
Savannah Sparrow										1	
Song Sparrow			2	3			5	1	4		2
Lincoln's Sparrow					3	5					
White-crowned Sparrow	1				3	4					2
Dark-eyed Junco					8					1	1
"Gray-headed" race						5					
Red-winged Blackbird	21	4	4	24	31	3	60		100		
Western Meadowlark	9	4	5	3	2		5		6		
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3						1				
Brewer's Blackbird			3		3	3				2	

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SPECIES	3	4	11	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27
	CHA	BCR	APX	BAR	EVR	RMN	BHP	PVR	SES	LLA	MGR
Common Grackle	6	2	5	12	6	1	30			2	4
Brown-headed Cowbird	1		1	3		2	2	1	3		
Orchard Oriole									3		
Northern Oriole	7										
"Bullock's" race		2	4	30			1		10		
Pine Grosbeak						1					
Cassin's Finch					1	4					2
House Finch	6	12	10		28	3	25		3		2
Red Crossbill					6	20					7
Pine Siskin		4	2		35	10		4		1	4
Lesser Goldfinch	1	1									
"Green-backed" race			2						5		
American Goldfinch	7	4	2	1					3		
House Sparrow			5	4	3		35				
TOTAL SPECIES	40	44	52	39	54	54	34	29	33	27	40
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	334	173	246	342	393	290	639	79	258	92	149

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JUNE 1995

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

- Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
- The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
- Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Least Bittern	6/17	1h	NW Side of Bonny Reservoir SWA	Yuma	Brandon Percival
Green Heron	6/2	2	Olive Marsh	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	6/2	1	1.3 miles south of Main St. on Cherry Creek, Parker	Douglas	Joe TenBrink
♦ Black Rail	6/29	1	Bent's Old Fort Marsh	Otero	B. Percival, Bob Goycoolea (F)
	6/27	1	Near the confluence of Little Fountain and Rock Creeks, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn
Mountain Plover	6/10	1	Eastern Pueblo County	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Bob Dickson
Upland Sandpiper	6/28	1a	US 138, east of Crook	Logan	David Laliberte
Least Tern	6/9	6	Blue Lake	Bent	Dan Bridges
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	6/19	1	Crow Cut Off Road near Colorado City	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Debbie Marsh William Marsh
Greater Roadrunner	6/12	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Brandon Percival
Barn Owl	6/19	1	Silom Road near Beulah	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Debbie Marsh
Flammulated Owl	6/19	2, 6h	St. Charles Trail	Custer	Brandon Percival, Debbie Marsh, William Marsh
	6/26	1, 3h	St. Charles Trail	Custer	Brandon Percival, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, Cliff Smith, Dave Johnson, mo
Northern Saw-whet Owl	6/26	1h	St. Charles Trail	Custer	Brandon Percival
Common Poorwill	6/19	1h	Red Creek Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, William Marsh
	6/26	2	Highway 96, west of Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Pearle Sandstrom-Smith, Cliff Smith

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Rufous Hummingbird	6/26	1m	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
♦ Eastern Wood-Pewee	6/14	1c	Bonny Reservoir SWA	Yuma	Dan Bridges
♦ Alder Flycatcher	6/1	4	Bonny Reservoir SWA	Yuma	Dan Bridges
	6/4	1h	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival (F)
Willow Flycatcher	6/4	1s	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival
Hammond's Flycatcher	6/19	2s	Old Lake Isabel Road	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Debbie Marsh, William Marsh
Dusky Flycatcher	6/19	4s	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Debbie Marsh, William Marsh
Vermillion Flycatcher	6/20	1f	Jumbo SWA	Sedgwick	Jack Reddall
Great-crested Flycatcher	6/12	2h	Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement	Bent	Brandon Percival
	6/16	1	Bonny Reservoir SWA	Yuma	Norm Erthal
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	6/23	1	7 miles North of Ordway	Crowley	Dan Bridges
♦ Purple Martin	6/17	1m	Miramonte Reservoir	San Miguel	Dan Bridges
Blue Jay	6/2-3	2	Crescent Park (altitude 8300 ft.)	Jefferson	Dave Waddington, Jan Justice-Waddington
Pinyon Jay	6/17	2	518 A Street, Penrose	Fremont	Brandon Percival, David Bradford, Rosie Watts, Jim Watts, mo
Gray Vireo	6/2	1a	Cameo, north of I-70 Exit	Mesa	David Laliberte
Golden-winged Warbler	6/4	1f	Last Chance rest stop	Washington	Dan Bridges
Northern Parula	6/7	1sm	Last Chance rest stop	Washington	Brandon Percival
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6/16	2m	Turkey Creek, Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
Palm Warbler	6/4	1	Last Chance rest stop	Washington	Dan Bridges
Prothonotary Warbler	6/17	1m	Last Dollar Road off Route 62	San Miguel	Dan Bridges (F)
Ovenbird	6/7	1s	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival
	6/19	1h	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Debbie Marsh, William Marsh
Hepatic Tanager	6/23	1m1f	Tobe Canyon, Mesa de Maya	Las Animas	Dan Bridges
♦ Painted Bunting	6/28	1ms	Cottonwood Canyon	Baca	Dan Bridges
Dickcissel	6/12	10	2.5 miles east of Hud's Campground on Highway 50	Bent	Brandon Percival
♦ Eastern Meadowlark	6/24	1s	Near Bellvue	Larimer	Brandon Percival (F)
Great-tailed Grackle	6/16	2	At Joes	Yuma	Norm Erthal
Red Crossbill	6/1-30	20	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn

(F) = form submitted

a = adult, m = male, f = female, i = immature, b = breeding plumage, n = nesting c = calling, s = singing, h = heard

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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

August 2, Wednesday (SPP)
South Platte Park
 Leader: Susan Jenkins, 770-5321. Meet at 0800 at Carson Nature Center on Mineral just west of Santa Fe. Lunch optional. This trip is

especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 5, Saturday (BGP)
Bailey, Guanella Pass and Georgetown
 Leader: Bob Spencer, 279-4682. Meet at 0700 at Park and Ride at Hampden and Wadsworth.

Bring lunch and water. Novice birders are welcome.

August 6, Sunday (RSC)

Riverside Cemetery and South Platte River

Leader: Jackie King, 287-1644. Meet at 0730 at northeast corner of Denver Museum of Natural History parking lot. Bring lunch and water. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 9, Wednesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Anne Southcott, 979-1455. Meet at 0700 at west entrance to the park. Lunch optional. Parks pass required. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 12-13, Saturday-Sunday (WSL)

Western Slope

Leader: Kim Potter, 1-970-625-3713. Meet Saturday at 0730 at Parachute Rest Area, 13 miles west of Rifle on I-70. Bring lunch and plenty of water, weather will probably be hot and dry. After carpooling we will drive to De Beque and bird the Sunnyside area. The habitat here is sage with surrounding pinon-juniper. We hope to see Sage Thrashers and Sage Sparrows. Group will reconvene at 1600 at Hanging Lake parking lot, ten minutes east of Glenwood Springs. Hanging Lake is accessed by a steep 1.2 mile trail which gains 1,000 feet in elevation. We hope to see Black Swifts here. Alternate places to bird are available for those not up to the challenging hike. On Sunday meet at 0730 at the Rifle Rest Area. Bring lunch. After carpooling, we will bird the Colorado River for migrants and Band-tailed Pigeons. We will visit a riparian area below Harvey Gap State Park (park pass required) and walk through pinon-juniper habitat while it is still cool, finishing at Rifle Falls State Park (park pass required). Camping is available at Rifle Falls 1-970-625-1607, Ami's Acre 1-970-945-5340 and Hideout in Glenwood Springs 1-970-945-5621, KOA at New Castle 1-970-984-2240, Viking at Silt 1-970-876-2443 and Rock Gardens at No Name 1-970-945-1831. Motels include Red River Inns at Rifle 1-800-783-3152 or Silt 1-800-377-7779, Rusty Cannon

in Rifle 1-970-625-4004 or Affordable Inn in Glenwood Springs 1-800-292-5050. Glenn and Jeane Hageman, 322-6589, are coordinating carpooling from Denver. Contact them if you are planning to go. This trip will utilize CBs. If you have one please bring it.

August 12, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler, 278-8035. Meet at 0630 at park entry station. Lunch optional. Bring water. Park pass required. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 13, Sunday (WRG)

WheatRidge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon, 455-0970. Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Lunch optional. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 19, Saturday (JAR)

Jackson Reservoir

Leader: Bob Righter, 692-8529. Come and learn about shorebird identification. Meet at 0600 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Bring lunch and plenty of water. State Parks Pass required. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

The following two trips may be combined for a weekend outing.

August 19, Saturday (WTM)

Wet Mountains, west of Pueblo

Leader: Brandon Percival, 1-719-547-3722. Meet at 0830 at the Loaf n Jug in Colorado City, 25 miles south of Pueblo, close to the junction of I-25 and CO 165. Bring lunch. Reconvene at 1900 at St. Charles Trail, four miles north of San Isabel on CO 165 to go owling. Will look for Flammulated and Saw-whet Owls. Especially good for novice birders and new members. For those staying over: Canon Inn 1-800-524-7727 \$\$\$, Best Western 1-719-275-3377 \$\$, and Pioneer 1-800-269-1745 \$, all in Canon City.

August 20, Sunday (AWR)

Arkansas River Walk and Red Canyon Park

Leader: David Pantle, 1-719-275-8208. Meet at 0700 at Reynolds Bridge parking area in Canon

City. From Colorado Springs take CO 115 south, then west on US 50. At second stop light in Canon City (Burger King corner) turn left onto Reynolds St. and go about one mile to the river. Cross bridge to parking area. Bring lunch, we'll join David at his home overlooking the river and marshes. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 20, Sunday (BCR)

Bear Creek, plains to mountains

Leader: Cal Wichern, 693-3718. Meet at 0800 east of pancake house at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden). Do not wear tennis shoes on this trip. Bring lunch and water.

August 23, Wednesday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park

Leader: Sherry Chapman, 699-1351. Meet at 0830 in front of empty K-Mart at S. Parker Road and Quincy. Bring lunch. Participants will have the option of birding Castlewood Canyon State Park in the afternoon. Castlewood Canyon requires State Park Pass. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 26, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 979-2194. Meet at 0700 at the west entrance to the park. Bring lunch and water. Park pass required. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 27, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Leader: Joey Kellner, 978-6092. Meet at 0530 Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Bring lunch and plenty of water. This trip will include about four miles of walking. Especially good for novice birders and new members.

August 27, Sunday (RYP)

Reynolds Park, near Conifer

Leaders: Betty Oliver and Harold Oliver, 936-6902. Meet at 0800 at the Park and Ride at Hampden and Wadsworth. Lunch optional.

Especially good for novice birders and new members.

JUSTICE HERONRY TRAIL COMPLETE

The Frank A. Justice Heronry Trail at Chatfield is finished. The trail runs from the heronry overlook shelter, that looks like a group of concrete mushrooms, to the South Platte River parking. Close to the beginning of the trail is a bronze plaque:

Frank A. Justice

Heronry Trail

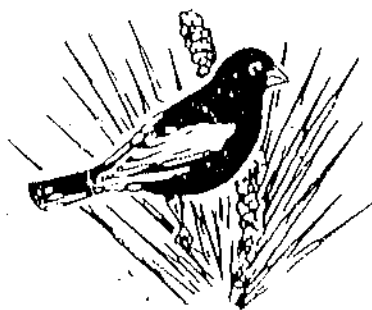
"Walk quietly in the footsteps
of one who loved this place"

1994

A new shelter is about mid-way along the trail which overlooks the trees where Great Blue Herons and Double-crested Cormorants have been nesting since the flooded trees in the old heronry fell. Placed around the perimeter of this shelter are interpretive signs. Just east of the shelter, in the patio area, is one tile showing the silhouette of a Great Blue Heron. To the west of the shelter is a permanent telescope and trail leading down to a viewing pod. The viewing pod is closed during the nesting season. The next time you go to Chatfield, check out this new trail that honors the memory of former DFO member, Frank A. Justice.

60TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

DFO's 60th Anniversary Picnic was held at Castlewood Canyon State Park on June 10. Although the weather was chilly and somewhat threatening, over thirty members and their families were in attendance. The highlight of the afternoon was the dedication of the Paul Reckel Memorial Bench. Alan Hay shared many vivid memories of Reckel with the group. Reckel's widow, Shirley, their son Eric and two daughters, Holly and Kathy travelled from as far away as Alamosa and Grand Junction to be at the dedication. The bench quarried from Lyon's sandstone features an eagle on the wing and is quite beautiful.



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER. AT 7:30 PM. DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Program: "Conservation Needs for Neotropical Migrant Birds"

Speaker: Dick Roth, Regional Coordinator for Neotropical Migrant Birds, U.S. Forest Service

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - JULY, 1995

July 1-3, Saturday-Monday (NPR)

*North Park, Middle Park, Willow Creek,
Colorado State Forest, Windy Gap, Arapaho
NWR*

Leader: George Armbrust.

0700-1800 daily. 175 miles by car, 3 miles on foot. Partly cloudy, some rain and hail, 45-75° F. 93 species, 1,664 individuals.

Observers: Bob Bierling, Jenny Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Ginny Faxon, Tom Faxon, Amy Young.

July 8, Saturday (HAR)

Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass, Milligan Lakes

Leaders: Carol Hack and Kathy Hawkins.

0830-1600. 40 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot. Clear to partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph, 41-80° F. 69 species, 623 individuals.

Observers: Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Randy Lentz, Rick Olson, Myron Plooster, Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall, Vito Tursi.

July 9, Sunday (PVA)

Pine Valley Ranch Park

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer.

0830-1130. 5 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, calm, 55-80° F.

26 species, 78 individuals.

Observers: Dave Compton, Chuck Lowrie, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Vito Tursi, Chuck Walters.

July 15, Saturday (AIC)

The Nature Conservancy's Aiken Canyon

Leader: Susan Blackshaw.

0800-1230. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot. Clear, calm, 65-80° F.

34 species, 226 individuals.

Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Mindy Hetrick, Margaret Hurst, Randy Lentz, Martha McCauley, Judy Miller, Diana Mullineaux, Joyce Schaben, Sue Schulman.

July 16, Sunday (ARW)

Arkansas River Walk at Canon City

Leader: David Pantle.

0700-1400. 20 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot. Clear, calm, 70-90° F.

48 species, 204 individuals.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Dave Compton, Mindy Hetrick, Margaret Hurst, Randy Lentz, Martha McCauley, Judy Miller, Se Etta Moss, Diana Mullineaux, Sue Schulman.

July 22, Saturday (RMN)

Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Ed Holub.

0800-1700. 60 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Party cloudy to cloudy, wind west 0-10 mph,
45-74° F. 57 species, 298 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Louisa Armbrust,
Jamie Arnold, Raymond Davis, Sharon Dooley,
Jake Edge, Rick Olson, Nancy Pate, Myron
Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Dave Quesenberry, Bob
Spencer, Vito Tursi.

July 23, Sunday

(SIL)

High Country birding in the Silverthorne area
Leader: Virginia Bleck.

0815-1500. 30 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind west 0-15 mph, 50-75° F.
43 species, 233 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Ruth Breckon,
Patricia Goodman, Stephen Goodman, Vito
Tursi.

July 26, Wednesday

(ARV)

*The Arkansas Valley including Blue, Neenosah,
Neenoshe and Upper Queens Reservoirs and
Lake Hasty Campground*

Leader: Duane Nelson.

0900-1600. 150 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind southwest 10-25 mph, 60-102° F.
74 species, 3,319 individuals.

Observers: David Christian, David Pantle,
Robert Spencer.

July 29, Saturday

(FIL)

Filius Park, Echo and Summit Lakes

Leader: Lynn Willcockson.

0800-1515. 45 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear early to partly cloudy late, wind variable
0-10 mph, 60-80°F. 41 species, 138 individuals.

Observers: Warren Finch, David Gulbenkian,
Judy Hablitzel, Tom Hablitzel, Al Hay, Dee Hay,
Ed Holub, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Calaine
Ohmert, Helen Standish, Vito Tursi, Liz
Willcockson.

July 29-30, Saturday-Sunday

(TAM)

*Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion and Jumbo
Reservoir SWAs*

Leader: Jack Reddall.

15.5 hours. 135 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind southwest 5-35
mph, 66-103°F. 88 species, 6,389 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Jenny Bierling, Nancy Bierling, David Christian, Sarah Christian, Karin Donnerstag, Donna Flageolle, Terry Flageolle, Phil Hayes, Richard Mendez, Christie Owens, Chuck Walter, Emilie Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

July 11, Tuesday (GLD)

Golden, Crawford Gulch and Panorama Point in Golden Gate State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 35 observers.

0830-1200. 17 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 75-80°F.

37 species, 110 individuals.

July 18, Tuesday (EVR)

Evergreen Lake and Maxwell Falls

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers.

0830-1245. 8 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy and rain, wind variable 4-12 mph,

62-68°F. 24 species, 121 individuals.

July 25, Tuesday (CNF)

Conifer, Kenosha Pass to Colorado Trail-East Side

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 20 observers.

0830-1300. 25 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Sunny to partly cloudy, wind south 2-15 mph,

70°F. 18 species, 61 individuals.

FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Denver Field Ornithologists Board of Directors wishes to extend a big thank you to Marlene Eggerling for her help this past year as a field trip coordinator for the club. Marlene will be moving to Longmont and will be unable to continue in this position.

DFO needs a replacement volunteer as soon as

possible. If interested in scheduling and coordinating DFO trips for the months of January, April, July, and October, please contact Joey Kellner at 978-1748 or Karleen Schofield at 936-8661. Marlene would be happy to discuss details of the position. She can be reached at 369-6134.

Thanks to Jackie King and Mort Staatz who are currently serving as Field Trip Coordinators.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

A membership information sheet, welcoming new members to the club and detailing membership benefits, was recently written and approved by the Board. See pages 98 and 99. Treasurer, Glenn Hageman includes the sheet with a current issue of *The Lark Bunting* in a mailing to all new members. As of July 22, Club membership totaled 486, including 44 new memberships in 1995. Credit for the professional look of the information sheet goes to Myron and Suzi Plooster. Thank you both.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

The DFO Educational Endowment Fund has been established by the Board of Directors using funds received from former member Mary Hope Robinson's estate. Interest generated from the fund will be awarded annually in the form of grants for educational projects that promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. A copy of the grant application form and guidelines for applicants can be found on pages 96 and 97. Grant funding is limited and the Board will serve as the award selection committee.

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SPECIES	1-3	8	9	15	16	22	23	26	29	29-30	11	18	25
	NPR	HAR	PVA	AIC	ARW	RMN	SIL	ARV	FIL	TAM	GLD	EVR	CNF
Pied-billed Grebe	1									1			
Eared Grebe	22	30						7					
Western Grebe	5							2		45			
Clark's Grebe								30					
American White Pelican	35							800		260			
Double-crested Cormorant	19									10			
Great Blue Heron					2			10		20	2		
Great Egret										1			
Snowy Egret	2												
Green Heron					2								
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2												
White-faced Ibis								1					
Canada Goose	325	42								200			
Wood Duck										13a5i			
Green-winged Teal		15								1			
Mallard	13	15			2	4	4	30		13a6i	2	10	
Northern Pintail										1f7i			
Blue-winged Teal	1							2		4a10i			
Cinnamon Teal	10	4											
Northern Shoveler	9	3								2			
Gadwall	23	20						2		10			
American Wigeon	113	2											
Canvasback		1f											
Redhead	6	10								10			
Ring-necked Duck	26	7					1						
Lesser Scaup	8	15								8			3
Bufflehead		25f											
Common Merganser	23												
Ruddy Duck	26	2m											
Turkey Vulture	1		1		2	1			1				
Osprey							2a2i						
Northern Harrier	4									2f			
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1												
Accipiter species						1							
Swainson's Hawk	5	1						10		1			
Red-tailed Hawk	5		1	2			2				1		3
Western races		3			1	1		1	1	15			
Ferruginous Hawk		1											
Golden Eagle	2					1							
American Kestrel	2	2			2		2	6		6			
Prairie Falcon								2		1			6
Ring-necked Pheasant								1					
Blue Grouse						2i1a							
White-tailed Ptarmigan						2							
Northern Bobwhite										8h			
Scaled Quail								2					
Sora		1h											
American Coot	15	5						20		8			
Killdeer	8	5						50		70	1		
Mountain Plover								1					
Black-necked Stilt								25					
American Avocet	11	8						20		8			
Greater Yellowlegs								15		50			
Lesser Yellowlegs										25			
Solitary Sandpiper										1			
Willet	2							1		1			
Spotted Sandpiper	3	1	1		1			6	1	3	2		
Whimbrel										1a2i			

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	NPR	HAR	PVA	AIC	ARW	RMN	SIL	ARV	FIL	TAM	GLD	EVR	CNF
Long-billed Curlew								11					
Western Sandpiper								2		2			
Least Sandpiper								2		90			
Baird's Sandpiper								26		150			
Stilt Sandpiper								20		15			
Short-billed Dowitcher								2					
Long-billed Dowitcher								11		1			
Common Snipe	4	3											
Wilson's Phalarope	9	10						40		65			
Franklin's Gull								40		3000			
Ring-billed Gull								100		220			
California Gull	153	1					5	6		30			
Forster's Tern	13							12		4			
Least Tern								22					
Black Tern	2							10		500			
Rock Dove					2		2	6		10			
Band-tailed Pigeon				5		4			6				
Mourning Dove	2		1	1	14			20		100			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo								3		2			
Burrowing Owl										6			
Common Nighthawk	3			1				2		8			
Black-chinned Hummingbird					2								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	27	10	6	3		8	16		13		7	10	4
Rufous Hummingbird	1	1		1	1		4		1				
Belted Kingfisher			1		2	2		1		5			
Lewis' Woodpecker					2								
Red-headed Woodpecker										15			
Red-naped Sapsucker	5	6				5			1		2a1i		
Williamson's Sapsucker						2	1				2		
Sapsucker species			1										
Downy Woodpecker	1	1f				1	1						
Eastern races					1			1		1			
Hairy Woodpecker	1			2		3					1		
"Rocky Mountain" race									2				
Three-toed Woodpecker		1m				1							
Northern Flicker	4			2			1				3	2	4
"Yellow-shafted" race										1m			
"Red-shafted" race		3	2		3	2			1	25			
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	1	1										
Western Wood-Pewee	3	1		25	9	4	4		1		2		
Dusky Flycatcher		2											
Gray Flycatcher					1								
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1		4			2	1		1		4	2	
Say's Phoebe										1			
Western Kingbird								30		170			
Eastern Kingbird					2			2		40			
Horned Lark	8	8				3		500		4			
Tree Swallow	31	50				8	10		1		1	10	5
Violet-green Swallow	56	3	20			25	14		6		1	3	
No. Rough-winged Swallow					6			3		5			
Bank Swallow										1			
Cliff Swallow	196	30	2	10	10	2	2	600		120		1	
Barn Swallow	32	2				2	2	10	1	150	10	3	
Gray Jay	6												
Steller's Jay	3		1			12	6		2		4		3
Blue Jay					1					4			
Scrub Jay				10									
Clark's Nutcracker		2				9			3				2

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Black-billed Magpie	19	10	1	4		30	8	2					
American Crow	8					2	6		5		3	5	
Chihuahuan Raven								7					
Common Raven	15	20				3	7		4			5	2
Black-capped Chickadee				2	4		2			2	3		
Mountain Chickadee	5	3	2	1		7	4		3		1	4	15
Bushtit				2									
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		1			2			3			2	
White-breasted Nuthatch				2		3	1		2		1		2
Pygmy Nuthatch			2			40			1				
Brown Creeper	1												
Canyon Wren				6	3								
Bewick's Wren					2								
House Wren	1	4	1	8	5	4	6	1	3	25	1		1
American Dipper	2												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	12				3					2	1	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher				9									
Eastern Bluebird										2a1i			
Western Bluebird				2		3			5				1
Mountain Bluebird	4	10				10	1				6		
Townsend's Solitaire	1					4					1	2	1
Veery	2												
Hermit Thrush		4									1		2
American Robin	35	30	5	8	6	12	10	5	3	12	3	4	4
Gray Catbird										1			
Northern Mockingbird													
Sage Thrasher	5												
Brown Thrasher								2		10			
American Pipit						5			4				
Cedar Waxwing			3										
Loggerhead Shrike								1					
European Starling	1	5			12			40		150	2		
Bell's Vireo										5			
Solitary Vireo				3							1		
"Plumbeous" race					2								
Warbling Vireo		5		3		4	1	1		2	3		
Virginia's Warbler				6									
Yellow Warbler	7	3			8		3			2			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6												
"Audubon's" race		4				4						2a1i	
MacGillivray's Warbler						3							
Common Yellowthroat					3					6			
Wilson's Warbler	5	5				1	4		5				
Yellow-breasted Chat					6					4			
Western Tanager				4	2	6							
Black-headed Grosbeak				20	4	1			1	1f			
Blue Grosbeak					1			4					
Lazuli Bunting				1	2								
Indigo Bunting					4								
Dickcissel								10		6			
Green-tailed Towhee						1			2				
Rufous-sided Towhee				40	5					5m			
Cassin's Sparrow								5		1			
Chipping Sparrow			3	12		1		4	6	10	5	6	
Brewer's Sparrow	4												
Vesper Sparrow	5										1		
Lark Sparrow				6	2			3		30			
Lark Bunting	1							500					

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	NPR	HAR	PVA	AIC	ARW	RMN	SIL	ARV	FIL	TAM	GLD	EVR	CNF
Savannah Sparrow	2	30				4							
Grasshopper Sparrow								25		20			
Song Sparrow	9	2	3		3	3	2		1				
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	9				4	8		5			2	
White-throated Sparrow						2							
White-crowned Sparrow	7						23						
Eastern races		20							7				
Dark-eyed Junco	15					10					1	4	6
"Gray-headed" race		2	2				5		1				
Red-winged Blackbird	20	30	4		20	1	21	10		180	10	25	
Western Meadowlark	3	4		3	2			70		100			
Yellow-headed Blackbird	51	1m								5m			
Brewer's Blackbird	23	5					13				12		
Common Grackle	4	1f			12		3	12		40	2	2	
Brown-headed Cowbird	23	10	2	4	6		8	60	1	25		3	
Orchard Oriole								1		7			
Northern Oriole													
"Bullock's" race				1	2			3		18			
Brown-capped Rosy Finch						1			3				
Pine Grosbeak	2	2					1		2				
Cassin's Finch	3	15				6	1		6		1		
House Finch	2		7		3			2	8				
Red Crossbill	4					4							
Pine Siskin	71	20				6	12		14		4	11	
Lesser Goldfinch				17									
"Green-backed" race					2								
"Black-backed" race					6								
American Goldfinch	1				3		1	4		15			
House Sparrow	3	4			6			20	1	130		1	
TOTAL SPECIES	93	69	26	34	48	57	43	74	41	88	37	24	18
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1664	623	78	226	204	298	233	3319	138	6389	110	121	61

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JULY 1995

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
American Bittern	7/3	1	Walden, Sawmill Ponds	Boulder	Bob Brown
	7/11	1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tony Luekering, Louise Zemaitis
	7/16	1	East of Ft. Lyon on Rd. JJ	Bent	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
	7/29	1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Bob Brown
	7/31	1	Lower Latham Reservoir	Weld	Tony Luekering, Dave Czaplak
Osprey	7/22	1	Near Ft. Collins	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Louise Zemaitis
♦ Harris Hawk	7/22	1sba	Mile 8.5 Mesa Verde National Park	Montezuma	Dan Bridges
Peregrine Falcon	7/21	1a	Lake John	Jackson	Tony Leukering, Louise Zemaitis
	7/21	1a	Arapaho NWR	Jackson	Tony Leukering, Louise Zemaitis

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
♦Black Rail	7/16	1h	West of Ft. Lyon on Rd. HH	Bent	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan (F)
Mountain Plover	6/22	4a2i	Kiowa Hill and Sky Valley Ranch Atlas Blocks, 20 miles west of San Luis	Costilla	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Long-billed Curlew	7/1	1h	Near Crow Valley Campground	Weld	Tony Leukering
	7/14	20	Jet Reservoir, NW of Neesopah Reservoir	Kiowa	Dan Bridges
Marbled Godwit	7/2	40	West end of Lake Meredith	Crowley	Dan Bridges
Pectoral Sandpiper	7/16	1	East of La Junta on CO 194	Otero	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Caspian Tern	7/5	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7/16	1h	Ft. Lyon Wildlife Easement on Rd. HH	Bent	Brandon Percival
Flammulated Owl	7/14	4h	St. Charles Trail	Custer	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
Lesser Nighthawk	7/14	1	Carrizo Mountain	Las Animas	Dan Bridges
	7/25	1	Two Buttes SWA, along Rd. VV	Baca	Jack Reddall
	7/26	1	Along Rd. B.5, one mile east of US 287	Prowers	Jack Reddall
Black Swift	7/14	2	Green Mountain Falls	Teller	Richard Bunn
	7/29	1	Moraine Park, Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Dave Czaplak
Calliope Hummingbird	7/5	1am	A.M. Bailey Bird Nesting Area	Summit	Jared Parks
	7/26	1m1f	Fort Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
	7/31	1f	4400 Bow Mar Dr., Littleton	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Three-toed Woodpecker	7/2	1f	Burn above Moraine Park, Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Tony Leukering, many others
	7/4	1f	as above	Larimer	Tony Leukering, many others
	7/19	1f1i	as above	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Louise Zemaitis
	7/29	1f	as above	Larimer	Tony Leukering, many others
	7/4	1m1f feeding nestlings	Along Fall River Rd., Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Scott Surner, Peter Yaukey
Hammond's Flycatcher	7/4	1m1f	Endovalley, Rocky Mountain National Park	Larimer	Tony Leukering, Scott Surner, Peter Yaukey
Dusky Flycatcher	7/15	4	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
Eastern Phoebe	7/4	3	Hackamore Ranch Atlas Block, 15 miles south of Las Animas	Bent	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Ash-throated Flycatcher	7/14	2h	Temple Canyon Park	Freemont	Brandon Percival
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	7/15	1m1f	dry bed Cimarron River	Baca	Dan Bridges
	7/17	1a	Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site	Las Animas	Richard Bunn
Golden-winged Warbler	7/25	1f	Turkey Creek MAPS, Ft. Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
Chestnut-sided Warbler	7/6	1m	Turkey Creek MAPS, Ft. Carson	El Paso	Richard Bunn
	7/12	1	Lower Waterton Canyon	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Black-throated Gray Warbler	7/14	2s	Temple Canyon Park	Freemont	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
Ovenbird	7/15	2a1i	Rye Mountain Park	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Hullinger
♦Northern Waterthrush	7/26	5a1i	Gould NW Atlas Block, ten miles east of Walden	Jackson	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Beth Dillon
Dickcissel	7/16	25	CO 194 to Rd. JJ	Bent/Otero	Brandon Percival, Jolan Truan, Van Truan
Canyon Towhee	7/5	2	Hackamore Ranch Atlas Block, 15 miles south of Las Animas	Bent	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery

(F) = form submitted

a = adult, sba=sub-adult, m = male, f=female, i = immature, b = breeding plumage, n = nesting c = calling, s = singing, h = heard

CORRECTIONS TO THE JUNE 1995 ADDITIONAL REPORTS

The Least Bittern observed by Brandon Percival on the northwest side of Bonny Reservoir SWA was seen on **June 7**, not June 17 as reported. The Alder Flycatcher observed by Percival on June 4 at Rocky Ford SWA was noted as "**calling**", not simply "heard" as reported. Please update your June Additional Reports to reflect these corrections.

Tony Leukering points out that *Myiarchus crinitus* is "Great Crested Flycatcher" not "Great-crested..." as was published. Tony clarifies that this is because it is a large flycatcher with a crest, not a flycatcher with a large crest. Additionally, Tony notes that there is only one "L" in "Vermilion" when talking about the flycatcher and not two as was printed. The editor regrets these errors and has corrected all standing data files as to avoid committing the same gaffes in the future.

1995 FALL BIRD COUNT

The annual Fall Bird Count will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 9 - 11. You may contact the leader or simply arrive on time at the meeting place. However, if you are planning to attend the Rocky Mountain Arsenal trip, advance registration is necessary.

September 9, Saturday (CSP) *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Joey Kellner 303-978-1748. Meet at 0630 at swim beach parking lot near the west entrance to the park. Entrance is reached from CO 121 (Wadsworth Blvd.) south of C-470. Parks pass required.

September 9, Saturday (WTR) *Waterton*

Leader: Hugh Kingery 303-333-0161. Meet at the Waterton Bridge at 0645.

September 9, Saturday (LBC) *Lower Bear Creek*

Leaders: Bob Spencer 303-279-4682 and Mary Jane Schock 303-922-3144. Meet at 0700. Please note that the new meeting place is across Sheridan Blvd. from the Bear Valley Shopping Center in the old King Soopers (now closed) parking lot behind the Conoco Station.

September 10, Sunday (BLP) *Barr Lake Periphery*

Leader: Jackie King 303-287-1644. Meet at 0630 at Picadilly Road and Bromley Lane.

September 10, Sunday (BAR) *Barr Lake State Park*

Leader: Dick Schottler 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at park entrance station. This is a ten mile, all day, hike around the lake. Parks pass required.

September 10, Sunday (CSP) *Castlewood Canyon State Park*

Leader: Randy Lentz 303-680-3381. Meet at 0700 at old north entrance station to the park. From Colorado 86, one half mile west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. and drive about two miles to entrance, or call leader for details. Optional half or full day. Parks pass required.

September 10, Sunday (RMA) *Rocky Mountain Arsenal*

Leader: Urling Kingery 303-333-0161. Register with leader. Number of observers is limited.

September 11, Monday (CCR) *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer 303-233-4947. Meet at 0700 at west gate to park east of Dayton St. (near Cherry Creek High School). Parks pass required.

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

September 2, Saturday (WCL) *Weld County Lakes*

Leader: Bill Prather 303-776-2191. Meet leader at 0800 at Jim Hamm Nature Center south of

CO 66 on Boulder-Weld County Line Road (west of Union Reservoir). Bring lunch.

September 2-4, Saturday-Monday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado

Leader: Brandon Percival 719-547-3722. Meet on Saturday, September 2, at 0830 at the Loaf n Jug in Rocky Ford on US 50. Spend Saturday night at hotel in Springfield or camp (if weather is good) in Cottonwood Canyon (primitive camping). Spend Sunday night in Springfield at hotel. Trip will visit the Rocky Ford area, Lakes Holbrook and Cheraw, the Ft. Lyon area, the Hasty and Lamar areas to Springfield on Saturday. Cottonwood, Carrizo and Picture Canyons on Sunday. Two Buttes Reservoir and the Lamar area on Monday ending at noon. We may bird other areas during the trip if time permits. Bring food for lunches and snacks and water for all three days. Call leader if going. We will use CB's on this trip so bring one if you have one.

September 16, Saturday (RRF)
Red Rocks and Mt. Falcon

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, 303-757-7000. Meet leader at 0800 at Trading Post at Red Rocks Park. Bring lunch.

September 17, Sunday (ROX)
Roxborough State Recreation Area

Leader: J.B. Hayes, 303-798-9683. Meet at 0800 at Roxborough Reception Center. Half day trip, lunch optional. Parks pass required.

September 23, Saturday (RIG)
Rigli Ranch

Leader: Joe Rigli 970-432-5200. Meet to carpool at 0715 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park or join group at 0800 at Pepper Pot Restaurant in Hudson (exit I-76 and turn right). Meet leader at 0900 at ranch. From Hudson, go east on SR 52 for approximately 32 miles until it turns north. Do not turn north but continue east on Morgan County Road F to County Road 14. Distance from Hudson to CR14 is approximately 46 miles. Turn left (north) on CR 14 and go

about two miles to first white house on left (where two box cars are visible). Bring lunch.

September 24, Sunday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt and adjacent lakes

Leader: Phil Hayes, 303-763-2813. Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Bring lunch.

September 30, Saturday (PLC)
Plum Creek and surrounding areas

Leader: Ben Moore, 303-989-0269. Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of S. Broadway and County Line Rd. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Mort Staatz, 279-6169

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLORADO
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KINGERY REMINDER

Hugh Kingery, Regional Editor, *National Audubon Society Field Notes*, requires a Rare Bird Report (RBR) on any sightings intended for inclusion in the field notes publication.

A Guide to Reporting Rare Birds to the Lark Bunting by Jack Reddall and Phil Hayes, last published in the *Lark Bunting* in September 1993 (Volume 28, Number 12), offers guidelines as to which species are of interest and suggests reporting based on relative rarity.

RBR forms should be forwarded directly to Kingery at 869 Milwaukee St., Denver, CO 80206.

Editor's Note: With the publication of *Colorado Birds* by Andrews and Righter in 1992, some updating to the reporting guide is in order. It is the Editor's desire to publish an updated version of the guide within the next few months. Your input is solicited.

TINA JONES OFFERS CLASS

Tina Jones is scheduled to instruct a class titled "Bird Watching - Basics and Beyond". The class will be held October 10 and 17, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM, at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Fee is

\$23.50 for Botanic Gardens members (\$28.00 for non-members.)

Novice bird watchers will have the opportunity to sharpen their skills at identifying difficult similar species such as Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks, American and Lesser Goldfinches, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs and Cassin's and House Finches. In addition, Tina will share points in identifying birds which field guides do not commonly address.

To register, call Botanic Gardens at 303-370-8020, indicating the name of the class, or call Tina at 303-794-2647.

BIRD COSTA RICA'S HOT SPOTS FEBRUARY 8 - 22, 1996

Featuring Manuel Antonio National Park, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Carara Reserve, Selva Verde and San Gerardo de Dota where you are guaranteed to see the Resplendent Quetzal. All expenses will be shared. Contact Dieter or Alicia Kamm at 303-697-9681 in early December, for additional information. Trip will be limited to 12 participants.

SCREECH OWLS

Anyone who has confirmed Screech Owl nesting sites in the Denver metro area, or has seen any in town, are asked to contact Hugh Kingery with details. This information will be used for the forthcoming Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas. Hugh is at 869 Milwaukee St., Denver, CO 80206, 303-333-0161.

GUIDELINES FOR DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Denver Field Ornithologists has a limited amount of funding available annually to award individuals or organizations who apply for grants for projects that promote interest in the study of birds and the preservation of their habitats. The DFO Board of Directors is now accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for Applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by January 31. A grant application form is on page following.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and needed funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation.

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Description of project:

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used:

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.

Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President.

Thank you.
July, 1995

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

Dear DFO Member,

Welcome to the Denver Field Ornithologists! We assume you are joining us because of our mutual interest in studying birds, preserving them and their environment, and meeting others of a like mind. As a member of the DFO you will have lots of opportunities to learn about birds, their songs and calls, behavior, and preferred habitats.

The DFO was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and enjoys a reputation for being one of the most active birding groups in the country. Volunteers conduct all club business and field activities. There are no paid positions. Club officers are elected by the membership at the May meeting, and serve a one-year term. Six directors are elected, each serving 3 years. The Board of Directors consists of the officers and directors, and serves as the club's "administration." If you have questions or need information, feel free to phone any of the officers or directors listed inside the front page of The Lark Bunting. DFO members enjoy these benefits:

CLUB MEETINGS are held at 7:30 P.M. the first Wednesday of each month (except June, July, August, and December) at the Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard. Park in the north lot and walk around to Ricketson Auditorium on the west side of the building. Each meeting begins with a short business meeting, followed by a program which usually ends by 9:00 P.M. Meetings are free and open to the public. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

FIELD TRIPS, in or near Denver as well as to other good birding spots in Colorado, are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. Trip destinations and leaders' names and phone numbers, as well as changes or cancellations (which are rare), are reported on the Rare Bird Alert (see below).

THE LARK BUNTING, our newsletter, is published monthly. It lists the schedule for the upcoming month's field trips, summaries of the previous month's field trips and species seen, reports of additional bird sightings, plus notices and articles of special interest to the membership. Anyone may send articles related to birding to The Lark Bunting editor. A membership roster is published yearly, usually in early spring. The Lark Bunting does not accept advertising.

DFO BOOKSTORE. A number of bird-finding guides, bird checklists, Colorado Birds by Andrews and Richter, patches and decals are available for sale at each DFO meeting. The DFO pays the sales tax, so you save on bookstore purchases.

COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT. The Rare Bird Alert is a taped message of current rare or unusual bird sightings throughout Colorado, available 24 hours a day simply by dialing the telephone number (which appears on the first page of The Lark Bunting). It is sponsored by the DFO and by member contributions. The tape also informs callers of upcoming field trips and club meetings. Anyone can report a sighting after the beep at the end of the taped message; callers are asked to leave name, phone number, and

details of the sighting. (When calling to report a sighting, you may bypass the taped message by pressing 5 on a touch-tone phone.) A DFO member coordinates the information, decides what is to be included on the tape, and updates the tape when needed.

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND. The club received a generous gift in 1994 from the estate of former member Mary Hope Robinson. The interest from this gift (and any future contributions) is available annually to be awarded to applicants seeking funding for projects related to the study of birds and/or preservation of their habitat.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

You do not need to register for DFO field trips unless the trip description in The Lark Bunting indicates that you should. For directions to the meeting place for a field trip, or details about the difficulty of a trip, please phone the leader. DFO field trips are open to the public; children must be accompanied by an adult. Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact DFO member Jackie King at 287-1644.

Wear sturdy walking shoes or boots and take water and a snack. The Lark Bunting gives information about lunch, needed park passes, and other instructions. Don't forget your binoculars, and a birding field guide if you have one. If you need advice or help with the purchase of either of these items, the American Birding Association in Colorado Springs (sales department 1-800-634-7736) is a good resource. Local bookstores usually carry a selection of field guides. Ask other DFO members for their preferences.

Let the leader know if you are a beginning birder. Don't be afraid to ask other members for help in finding and identifying birds seen on a trip! The Denver Audubon Society (696-0877) occasionally offers classes for beginning birders.

If you are an experienced birder familiar with Colorado's birds, consider volunteering as a field trip leader. Contact any of the trip coordinators listed in The Lark Bunting.

The DFO encourages carpooling. Expenses are shared: 10 cents per mile, divided by the number of people in the car, including the driver.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual dues should be paid before January 1 of each year, and mailed to the DFO treasurer. In addition, contributions to the Rare Bird Alert and the DFO Educational Endowment Fund can be made at this time, or at any time during the year. Please be prompt with your renewal, as the DFO incurs additional expenses with late renewals.

Again, Welcome! We hope you'll become an active member of the DFO, and that you'll experience a great deal of enjoyment from your membership.

GOOD BIRDING!!
The DFO Board of Directors

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the Lark Bunting. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the Lark Bunting, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303 424-2144

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please indicate:

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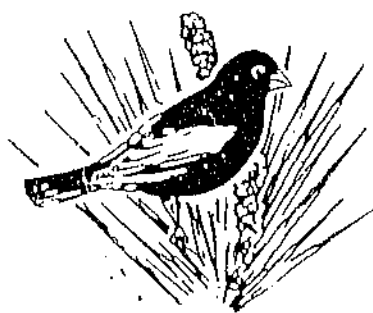
_____ Regular Family Membership \$15.00 (valid for next year if paid after October 1st)
_____ Senior Citizen Membership \$12.00 (age 65 or older)
_____ Student Membership \$5.00 (age 18 or younger)
_____ Contribution to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____ Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to Denver Field Ornithologists
Send to Treasurer: Glenn Hageman, 448 South Leyden Street, Denver, CO 80224 303 322-6589



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 4, 1995

Program: "Modeling Turkey Vulture Distribution and Abundance"

Speaker: Major Russell DeFusco, U.S. Airforce Academy

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - AUGUST, 1995

August 2, Wednesday (SPP)

South Platte Park

Leader: Susan Jenkins.

0800-1100. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 67-80°F.

38 species, 162 individuals.

No observers.

August 5, Saturday (BGP)

Bailey, Guanella Pass and Georgetown

Leader: Bob Spencer.

0800-1430. 35 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, becoming cloudy, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 50-70°F.

33 species, 153 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Holly Hamilton, Jack Hamilton, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Eric Lindberg, Jack Reddall, Warren Roske, Diane Trickle, Ron Trickle, Vito Tursi, Bill Young.

August 6, Sunday (RSC)

Riverside Cemetery and South Platte River

Leader: Jackie King.

0730-1230. 35 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 78-93°F.

30 species, 329 individuals.

Observers: Dave Compton, David Laliberte, Vito Tursi.

August 9, Wednesday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Anne Southcott.

0700-1500. 10 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear early, rain late, moderate breeze, 58-79°F.

38 species, 163 individuals.

Observers: John Hoover, Katie Hoover, Jane Johnson, Warren Roske.

August 12, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler.

0630-1200. 10 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Mostly clear, wind variable 0-5 mph, 62-90°F.

53 species, 1,066 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Karleen Schofield.

August 12-13, Saturday-Sunday (WSL)

Western Slope - Rifle Area

Leader: Kim Potter.

August 12, 0730-1930. August 13, 0730-1400.

186 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, 80-85°F.

79 species, 564 individuals.

Observers: Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Myriam Friggens, Ric Olson, Karin Donnerstag, Phil Hayes, Judy Müller, Diana Mullineaux.

THE LARK BUNTING

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

The *Lark Bunting* does not accept advertising.

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August 13, Sunday

(WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon.

0730-1130. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 2-4 mph, 66-80°F.

27 species, 182 individuals.

Observers: June Davey, Vito Tursi, Rob Wilson.

August 19, Saturday

(MLL)

Milton and Lower Latham Reservoirs

Leader: Bob Righter.

0600-1600. 80 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind east 0-10 mph, 75°F.

85 species, 3,316 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Patti Echelmeyer,
Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Joe Himmel,
Peter Lowen, Ric Olson, Jack Reddall, Bob
Spencer.

August 19, Saturday

(WTM)

*Wet Mountains, Lake Beckwith, Metro Lake,
Frog Pond, Old Lake Isabel Road, San Isabel,
Percival Cabin, Davenport Campground, St.
Charles Trail*

Leader: Brandon Percival.

0800-2300. 50 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind variable 0-10 mph, 55-70°F.

74 species, 790 individuals.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, Al Boggess,
Nancy Boggess, Gary Conover, Mark Janos,
Pearl Jordan, Chuck Lowrie, Dave Quesenberry,
Karleen Schofield, David Smith.

August 20, Sunday

(ARW)

Arkansas River Walk and Red Canyon Park

Leader: Laura Danielson.

0715-1230. 20 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 4-7 mph, 85-95°F.

35 species, 220 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Albert Boggess,
Nancy Boggess.

August 20, Sunday

(BCR)

Bear Creek, plains to mountains

Leader: Cal Wichern.

0800-1330. 40 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind 1-3 mph, 75-90°F.

32 species, 207 individuals.

Observers: Mary Metzger, Hugh Ravatt, Paul Scherner, Susan Scherner, Mike Zacharias.

August 23, Wednesday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park, Bar CCC Park

Leader: Sherry Chapman

0900-1300. 2 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 0-5 mph, 71-90°F.

27 species, 193 individuals.

Observers: Warren Roske, Joe TenBrink.

August 26, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub.

0700-1440. 26 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear to mostly clear, calm, 60-89°F.

53 species, 391 individuals.

Observers: Ric Olson, Jack Reddall, Karleen Schofield, Anne Southcott.

August 27, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado to include Prewitt, Bijou, and Jackson Reservoirs, Brush SWA, the "Pelican Refuges" and Prospect Valley

Leader: Joey Kellner.

0607-1700. 258 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind south 0-15 mph, 65-95°F. 73 species, 1,442 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Patty Echelmeyer, J.B. Hayes, Diana Mullineaux, Jack Reddall, Karleen Schofield, Dick Schottler.

August 27, Sunday (RYP)

Reynolds Park near Conifer

Leaders: Betty Oliver and Harold Oliver.

0830-1230. 2 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind calm, 65-85°F.

19 species, 91 individuals.

Observers: Doris Cruze, John Hoover, Katie Hoover, Chuck Lowrey.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

August 1, Tuesday (BEP)

Bergen Park, Echo and Summit Lakes

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 24 observers.

0830-1300. 36 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind variable 5-10 mph, 65-70°F.

24 species, 83 individuals.

August 8, Tuesday (GUA)

Grant, Guanella Pass, Burning Bear Campground, Georgetown

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.

0815-1400. 62 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy, wind west 0-10 mph, 62-69°F.

26 species, 132 individuals.

August 15, Tuesday (ELR)

El Rancho, Winter Park area, Shadow Mountain Lake, Pine Beach area, Devil's Thumb Ranch

Leaders: Ann Bonnell and Selma Berman.

18 observers. 0800-1500. 105 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind variable 0-15 mph, 60-75°F.

37 species, 383 individuals.

August 22, Tuesday (SIL)

Silverthorne, Dillon, Blue River Campground, Straight Creek, Loveland Pass

Leader: Alice Kruse. 17 observers.

0900-1300. 26 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind calm, 70-75°F.

26 species, 153 individuals.

August 29, Tuesday (EVL)

Evergreen Lake, Mt. Evans Elk Management Wildlife Area, Ground Hog Flats, Grass Creek Trail

Leader: Alice Kruse. 18 observers.

0830-1230. 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, calm, 69-75°F.

31 species, 198 individuals.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Diane Lane	1910 S. Grant St., Denver, 80210	(303) 722-8325
James B. Perry	115 W. Cheyenne Rd., #419, Colorado Springs, 80906	(719) 575-0280
Helga Sproul	4777 McKinley Dr., Boulder, 80303-1142	(303) 444-5550

SPECIES	2 SPP	5 BGP	6 RSC	9 CSP	12 BAR	12-13 WSL	13 WRG	19 MLL	19 WTM	20 ARW	20 BCR	23 PRP	26 CSP	27 NEC	27 RYP	1 BEP	8 GUA	15 ELR	22 SIL	29 EVL
Common Loon									1w											
Pied-billed Grebe					6			3						5						
Horned Grebe												1								
Eared Grebe								1												
Western Grebe					10			10												
American White Pelican			3		14			75						80						
Double-crested Cormorant	4		22	18	17		1	40			3		8	30					1	
Great Blue Heron	2		4	3	4	4		15	3	2		2	4	3				2		
Great Egret								2						2						
Snowy Egret								3						5						
Cattle Egret								50												
Green Heron			1							1										
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1		1		3		1	15				1		1						
White-faced Ibis								1					1							
Canada Goose	2		36	1	300	12	39	60			12		30	80				160		
Wood Duck							2							44						
Green-winged Teal					12	1		50	4				2	30						
Mallard	15		10	8	60	4	38	75	1	4	6	13	20	30			1	2		12
Northern Pintail						1		30						20						
Blue-winged Teal			3																	
Cinnamon Teal						4		3												
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.								50				4		15						
Northern Shoveler								10						1						
Gadwall							1	10					2							
Redhead					2															
Lesser Scaup												1								
Common Merganser	1																	9		
Ruddy Duck								15												
Turkey Vulture						10		1	2	12		1			1				4	
Osprey																		5a1i		
Bald Eagle					1a															
Northern Harrier								1						1						
Northern Goshawk						2i														
Accipiter species																				1
Swainson's Hawk			2	2	5			8				2	2	14						
Red-tailed Hawk	1			2		5		3				1			1		1			
Western races		1			1				2	2	2		3	9						
Golden Eagle						1							3		1					
American Kestrel			1		3	5		10	1	1				6				1		
Merlin								1												
Northern Bobwhite														37						
Virginia Rail						1i+2h														
American Coot					55	1	1	3						10						
Killdeer	2		6	3	90			30	12	1		1	12	35						

SPECIES	2	5	6	9	12	12-13	13	19	19	20	20	23	26	27	27
	SPP	BGP	RSC	CSP	BAR	WSL	WRG	MLL	WTM	ARW	BCR	PRP	CSP	NEC	RYP
American Avocet					9			10							
Greater Yellowlegs								4					1	1	
Lesser Yellowlegs					10			40	1					20	
Solitary Sandpiper					1			10	1					2	
Spotted Sandpiper	1							8		2		2			
Long-billed Curlew								2							
Marbled Godwit								2							
Semipalmated Sandpiper								3					1		
Western Sandpiper								8					4		
Least Sandpiper								8					1	1	
Baird's Sandpiper					2			40					20	70	
Stilt Sandpiper								15						2	
Long-billed Dowitcher								2							
Common Snipe															
Wilson's Phalarope					1			30						20	
Red-necked Phalarope														1	
Franklin's Gull								2000						48	
Ring-billed Gull	1		10	18	35		11	50	3			9	60		
California Gull					2			50					15	55	
Forster's Tern								6						1	
Black Tern								2				2			
Rock Dove			22		4	12		1		6	3			40	
Band-tailed Pigeon						2			50						
Mourning Dove	2	1	14	4	48	8	2	40	1	15	2		7	90	
Great Horned Owl				1		1		1		2			3		
Northern Saw-whet Owl									1+2h						
Common Nighthawk	2			4			1							1	
Black Swift							2								
White-throated Swift							30								
Black-chinned Hummingbird							4								
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		10					2		55	4			2		8
Rufous Hummingbird									10						2
Belted Kingfisher	1		2	1		2			1	1			8	5	
Lewis' Woodpecker									3						
Red-headed Woodpecker														11	
Red-naped Sapsucker						1									
Williamson's Sapsucker									1f						
Downy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race Eastern races				1			1	2			2		3		
Hairy Woodpecker "Rocky Mountain" race Eastern races		1							1m					2	2
Three-toed Woodpecker									1f						

SPECIES	2	5	6	9	12	12-13	13	19	19	20	20	23	26	27	27	1	8	15	22	29
	SPP	BGP	RSC	CSP	BAR	WSL	WRG	MLL	WTM	ARW	BCR	PRP	CSP	NEC	RYP	BEP	GUA	ELR	SIL	EVL
Northern Flicker	2		9													1	3			
"Yellow-shafted" race														3						
"Red-shafted" race		2		3	11	4	8		12	5	4		7	6	3					
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1		1										1						2
Western Wood-Pewee	2	1		7	9	12		6	15	4		2	12							1h
Dusky Flycatcher						2														
Gray Flycatcher						1														
Cordilleran Flycatcher		1			1				9					1					2	
Empidonax species													1							
Say's Phoebe				1		1		1		1				2						
Ash-throated Flycatcher						4														
Western Kingbird			2	1	8	4		20	1		2	4	8	20						
Eastern Kingbird				2	5	7		15				1	4	23						
Horned Lark								20					9	4						
Tree Swallow		1				6	3	20										8		1
Violet-green Swallow	1	5				15			35								4	40	23	58
No. Rough-winged Swallow	3					6		6												
Bank Swallow						12		20					1							
Cliff Swallow	7		2	15	6	70		2				1	2	1				9	1	1
Barn Swallow	1		24		75	5	2	30	25				20	110				5		26
Gray Jay		4														1				
Steller's Jay		2				2			45		1				4	3		1	10	6
Blue Jay							3			1			1	11						
Scrub Jay						3			5											
Pinyon Jay						10h														
Clark's Nutcracker		7				4			8							2	1	1		
Black-billed Magpie	6	12	18	8	18	25	5	6	20	21	10	6	3	5				8	1	3
American Crow		3	5	4			4		4		5		6			2	2	14	19	17
Common Raven		4				5			6	1	2				1	1	1			1
Black-capped Chickadee	2			6	10	4	6	8	15	12	6	2	10	8	12	4			4	12
Mountain Chickadee		8				2			20		6				6	7	15	8	6	2
Plain Titmouse						5														
Red-breasted Nuthatch								2	2		1				2	1	12	1		1
White-breasted Nuthatch		1		1		4			2		2		3	1	4			1		
Pygmy Nuthatch		4									6				4			2		12
Brown Creeper									1							2	2		1	3
Rock Wren						5														
Canyon Wren										1										
Bewick's Wren						1h														
House Wren	2	3		4	12		1	6	20	1	2		6	22		1				
Marsh Wren								1												
American Dipper		1							1											
Golden-crowned Kinglet									1											
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1							1					1	2	5		3

SPECIES	2	5	6	9	12	12-13	13	19	19	20	20	23	26	27	27	1	8	15	22	29
	SPP	BGP	RSC	CSP	BAR	WSL	WRG	MLL	WTM	ARW	BCR	PRP	CSP	NEC	RYP	BEP	GUA	ELR	SIL	EVL
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						11														
Western Bluebird									4	1	4									
Mountain Bluebird		1				5			6								7	9		
Townsend's Solitaire		1				1					2				1		2		1	
Hermit Thrush						1			1										1	
American Robin	7	10	5	5	7	20	7	3	30	38	14	8	3	6	10	6	7	8	6	
Gray Catbird						4			3				1							
Sage Thrasher	1					3		3												
Brown Thrasher														5						
American Pipit																6	2			
Cedar Waxwing	4								15				2							
Loggerhead Shrike					2			1					1							
European Starling	3		45	11	50	20	1	40	30	30	24			200						
Solitary Vireo						5														1
"Plumbeous" race									1						1					
"Cassin's" race																				
Warbling Vireo	1				2			1	3				1			4				2
Red-eyed Vireo													4	1						
Orange-crowned Warbler									3											
Virginia's Warbler									1											
Yellow Warbler				1	18	9	4	6	5	1	4	2	15	12					5	
Yellow-rumped Warbler					1															
"Audubon's" race		3							2		2					4	20	10	1	1
Blk-throated Gray Warbler						4														
Blackpoll Warbler														1						
American Redstart														1m1f						
MacGillivray's Warbler									13								1			
Common Yellowthroat	1			1h		1		1						2						
Wilson's Warbler					1									6			2			1
Yellow-breasted Chat									1											
Western Tanager		1							5											
Black-headed Grosbeak		1		3		1m2f 3i			20	6	1									
Blue Grosbeak				1																
Lazuli Bunting						6			2				1							
Indigo Bunting										3										
Green-tailed Towhee									4										2	
Rufous-sided Towhee	1			1		2			8				1							
Chipping Sparrow					4	2		8	55			49						4		
Vesper Sparrow									5											
Lark Sparrow	1			5	2	12		10				31		1				1		
Sage Sparrow						3														
Lark Bunting					1			20						7						
Song Sparrow	1		4		2	5	1	1	2		3		1				3			

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	SPP	BGP	RSC	CSP	BAR	WSL	WRG	MLL	WTM	ARW	BCR	PRP	CSP	NEC	RYP
Lincoln's Sparrow															
White-crowned Sparrow		15													
Dark-eyed Junco															5
"Pink-sided" race															
"Gray-headed" race		8							35						
Red-winged Blackbird	50		8	5	70	16	4	40	15	10		39		21	
Western Meadowlark	1			1		3		30			3	1		21	
Yellow-headed Blackbird					9	10		40						18	
Brewer's Blackbird		2	1				1			2					
Common Grackle	5		10		23		2	4	5	14			2	9	
Brown-headed Cowbird						2		2					2	50	
Northern Oriole	9									1					
"Bullock's" race			2		4	6		2	11					1	
Brown-capped Rosy Finch															
Pine Grosbeak		2													
House Finch	5		45	6	5	24	18		5	7	41	3	15		
Red Crossbill									6						
Pine Siskin		30				20			45		25				17
Lesser Goldfinch													25		
"Black-backed" race						8			25						
American Goldfinch	1			3	3	8	15	2		6	6	4	12	5	7
Evening Grosbeak									10						
House Sparrow	10	6	12		12	10		30	20	1				25	
TOTAL SPECIES	38	33	30	38	53	79	27	85	74	35	32	27	53	73	19
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	162	153	329	163	1066	564	182	3316	790	220	207	193	391	1442	91

	1	8	15	22	29
	BEP	GUA	ELR	SIL	EVL
	4		1		
	4	8		2	
	7	5		7	2
			8	36	12
		1	8	3	
			1	8	
		4	11	3	
	10				
					1
	13	20	1		
				1	
	2		7		
	24	26	37	26	31
	83	132	383	153	198

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - JULY 1995

Species	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Brown Pelican	8/13	1i	Confluence Park, Delta	Delta	Dan Bridges
Peregrine Falcon	8/17	1i	Apex Trail	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Black-bellied Plover	8/18	5b	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/26	1b	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	as above
Snowy Plover	8/18	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	as above
Piping Plover	8/11	2ba	Southeast shore of Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
Mountain Plover	8/18	2	La Junta Sewage Ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Upland Sandpiper	8/6	2	Pond east of Rds. 45 and 42	Weld	Brandon Percival
	8/12	6	North of Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Bob Dickson
	8/12	2	West of Lake Meredith	Crowley	as above
	8/12	1	La Junta Sewage Ponds	Otero	as above
	8/18	8	La Junta Sewage Ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
	8/18	1	Adobe Creek Reservoir	Bent	as above
	8/18	4	Southwest corner of Weld County Rds. 43 and 32	Weld	Ric Olson
	8/26	1	Lake Holbrook	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Red Knot	8/31	1w	Jumbo Reservoir SWA	Logan/ Sedgwick	Jack Reddall
Laughing Gull	8/31	1i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Jack Reddall
Sabine's Gull	8/31	1a	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Jack Reddall
Caspian Tern	8/15	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Least Tern	8/12	2	Jet Lake, south of Eads	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Van Truan, Bob Dickson
Western Screech-Owl	8/21	1-2h	Brush Hollow Reservoir	Fremont	Karleen Schofield
Common Poorwill	8/20	1	3rd St., west of Penrose	Fremont	Karleen Schofield
Black Swift	8/3	3	Percival Cabin	Custer	Brandon Percival
Black-chinned Hummingbird	8/25	1f	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/26	1f	Rocky Ford SWA	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Calliope Hummingbird	8/4	1f	Percival Cabin	Custer	Brandon Percival
♦ Acorn Woodpecker	8/13	2	Meadow Road, southwest Durango	La Plata	Dan Bridges
Three-toed Woodpecker	8/4	1	Rd. 400, northeast of Steamboat Springs	Routt	Karleen Schofield
Hammond's Flycatcher	8/1	1c	Mt. Zirkel Wilderness Area	Routt	Karleen Schofield
Gray Flycatcher	8/20	2c	De Weese Reservoir	Custer	Karleen Schofield
Northern Parula	8/30	1f	South of Kingfisher Bridge, Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Karleen Schofield
Black-throated Gray Warbler	8/20	1	Temple Canyon Park	Fremont	Karleen Schofield
Townsend's Warbler	8/14	1	North of Hoy Mountain, near Utah Border	Moffat	Dan Bridges
Black-and-white Warbler	8/26	1af	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Northern Waterthrush	8/17	1	Rock Canyon east of Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	8/18	1	Lake Cheraw	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos

(F) = form submitted

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, i = immature, b = breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

- Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).

2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

CORRECTION TO JULY 1995 FIELD TRIP SUMMARY

Please note that on Jack Reddall's July 29-30 trip to Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion and Jumbo Reservoir SWAs one adult and two immature Whimbrels were erroneously reported in the *Lark Bunting*. Please correct your summary to read one adult and two immature **Upland Sandpiper** as was reported by Reddall.

Additionally please add ten Lark Bunting to the summary of that trip and add Glenn and Jeane Hageman to the list of observers. The editor regrets any confusion these errors and oversights may have caused.

CORRECTION TO THE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

The August 1995 issue of the *Lark Bunting*, featured the new Membership Information Sheet. On that sheet, under the heading "DFO Bookstore", it states that "The DFO pays the sales tax, so you save on bookstore purchases." This statement is inaccurate and should be deleted from your copy of the Information Sheet. Actually, city and state sales taxes are included in the sales price.

THANKS FROM MYRIAM FRIGGENS

I would like to sincerely and publicly thank the following people for their moral support and material assistance on the day of my car accident near Rifle: Karin Donnerstag, Phil Hayes, Judy Miller, Diana Mullineaux and Kim Potter. These people not only helped me remove all my things from the car, but gave up their entire afternoon to remain by my side until the police and tow truck arrived. A special thank you goes to Diana Mullineaux of Arvada, for transporting me all the way to my door in Boulder. And Kim

Potter, our trip leader, deserves the most thanks of all for helping me make the necessary calls, in addition to letting me sleep overnight in her home in Rifle. I am **EXTREMELY LUCKY** to have emerged unscathed, but it has been a profoundly sobering "wake up" call, nonetheless. (To make a bad pun.) I was so enamored of my new car that I didn't even want to get out of it to sleep or eat!

PLEASE, PLEASE everybody, **DON'T** drive long distances **ALONE** when you're obviously tired or stressed - even if you're after the only Roseate Spoonbill in Colorado! Take a motel for a good night's rest, keep the air conditioning running on hot days and above all, **CARPOOL**. **THE LIFE YOU MAY SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!**

COLORADO BIRD OBSERVATORY SEEKS MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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to bird conversation. For membership or volunteer information contact Colorado Bird Observatory, 13401 Piccadilly Rd., Brighton, CO 80601.

BIRD COSTA RICA'S HOT SPOTS

FEBRUARY 8 - 22, 1996

This trip features Manuel Antonio National Park, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Carara Reserve, Selva Verde and San Gerardo de Dota (where you are guaranteed to see the Resplendent Quetzal). All expenses will be shared. Trip will be limited to 12 participants. Contact Dieter or Alicia Kamm at 303-697-9681 in early December for additional information.

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

October 1, Sunday (LWR)

Lower White Ranch

Leader: Diana Mullineaux, 303-278-7245. Meet at 0800 at the Park and Ride on the northwest corner of Ward Road and I-70. Some trail climbing. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 7, Saturday (BDR)

Boulder Area

Leader: Bob Jickling, 303-499-4977. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Labs, at 325 Broadway in Boulder. From US 36 take Baseline Rd. exit, turn west on Baseline Rd., turn left at next light onto 27th Way. Cross Broadway at next light onto lab grounds. Bring lunch.

October 8, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado for Sprague's Pipit

Leaders: Norm Erthal and Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 0530 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Call Kellner to register as number of participants is limited. Bring lunch.

October 14, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Gail Evans, 303-758-2231. Meet at 0800 at swim beach parking lot. State Park pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional. This trip is good for novice birders and new members.

October 15, Sunday (BCR)

Bear Creek

Leader Cal Wichern, 303-693-3718. Meet at 0800 east of the pancake house at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan Blvd., north of US 285 (Hampden Ave.) Do not wear tennis shoes on this trip. Bring lunch.

October 21, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee Rowe and Marilyn Rowe, 303-659-8069. Meet at 0830 at Barr Lake State Park Nature Center. State park pass required. Half day trip, lunch optional.

October 21-22, Saturday-Sunday (MVI)

Monte Vista NWR for cranes

Leaders: Myron Plooster and Suzi Plooster, 303-494-6708. Meet to carpool at 0700 at Park and Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth just south of US 285 (Hampden Ave.) Must register with leader in advance. Saturday, crane tour. Spend night in Monte Vista. Monte Villa Inn 800-527-5168, Movie Manor 800-528-1234, El Campo 719-852-5952, Rio Grande 800-998-7129. Sunday, Home Lake, Alamosa NWR, Smith Reservoir SWA, Lathrop State Park. Bring lunch for two days. State park pass required.

October 28, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194. Register with leader as number of observers is limited. Bring lunch. This trip is good for novice birders and new members.

October 29, Sunday (PRA)

Platte River and Adams County

Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-2504. Meet at 0800 in north parking lot of Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch. This trip is good for novice birders and new members.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

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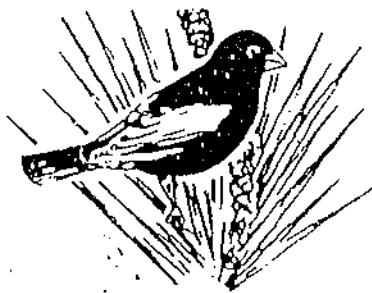
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 1, 1995

Program: "What is Colorado Bird Observatory doing to see Rocky Mountain and Great Plains birds into the 22nd Century"

Speaker: Michael Carter, Executive Director of the Colorado Bird Observatory

NOTE: This meeting will be held in Classroom #1 on the 3rd floor of the Denver Museum of Natural History

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER, 1995

September 1-4, Friday-Monday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado, including Lakes Henry, Meredith, Cheraw and Holbrook, La Junta Sewage Ponds, Fort Lyon area, Rocky Ford SWA, Adobe Creek and Two Buttes Reservoirs, Lamar Community College, Springfield Cemetery, Cottonwood and Carrizo Canyons
Leader: Brandon Percival
41 hours total birding. 622 miles by car, 9.0 miles on foot.
Clear, wind 0-10 mph, 65-106° F.
137 species, 3,014 individuals.
Observers: George Armbrust, Karin Donnerstag, Bob Goycoolea, Phil Hayes, Bob Spencer.

September 2, Saturday (WBL)
Weld and Boulder County Lakes
Leaders: Bill Prather and Inez Prather
0800-1500. 75 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Mostly cloudy, calm, 74-92° F.
50 species, 1,231 individuals.

Observers: Mary C. Burger, Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Gail Evans, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Dean Hill, Mona Hill, Joe Himmel, Jim Perry, Myron Plooster, Carolyn Rust, Buzz Schaumberg, Tim Schowalter, Sue Schulman, Joe TenBrink.

September 16, Saturday (RRF)
Red Rocks and Mt. Falcon
Leader: Lynn Willcockson
0745-1415. 1.5 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.
Clear, wind west-southwest 0-10 mph, 50-75°.
41 species, 185 individuals.
Observers: Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, Paul Murgatroyd, Calaine Ohmert, David Rhoades, Karleen Schofield, Liz Willcockson.

September 17, Sunday (ROX)
Roxborough State Park
Leader: J.B. Hayes
0800-1200. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.
Clear, very windy early, southwest 0-30 mph, 50-85° F. 25 species, 86 individuals.
Observers: Kitty Albee, Doris Cruze, Greg Goodrich, Chuck Lowrie, Margie Mills, Larry Modesitt.

THE LARK BUNTING

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September 23, Saturday

(RIG)

Rigli Ranch and nearby habitats

Leader: Joe Rigli

0900-1630. 12 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to sunny, wind northeast 0-5 mph,
50-60° F. 49 species, 198 individuals.

Observers: David Compton, Tom Hablitzel,
Pearl Jordan, Peter Mulholland, David Rhoades,
Sheila Rhoades, Sue Schulman, Helen Standish.

September 24, Sunday

(WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Phil Hayes

0730-1030. 0.2 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Steady rain and drizzle, calm, 39-41° F.

39 species, 464 individuals.

Observers: Diana Mullineaux, Margo Shimel,
Robin Shimel, Traci Shimel, Mort Staatz.

September 30, Saturday

(PLC)

Plum Creek and surrounding areas

Leader: Ben Moore

Cancelled due inclement weather.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

September 5, Tuesday

(PVR)

Pine Valley Ranch Park

Leader: Else Van Erp. 29 observers.

0830-1230. 16 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind calm, 67-73° F.

20 species, 70 individuals.

September 12, Tuesday

(LLA)

Los Lagos near Rollinsville

Leaders: Phyllis Baldwin and Ann Bonnell.

28 observers.

0900-1200. 4 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 2-10 mph, 70° F.

24 species, 109 individuals.

September 19, Tuesday

(LOB)

Lair o' the Bear Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 17 observers.

0830-1200. Zero miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy and foggy, calm, 42-59° F.

27 species, 246 individuals.

September 26, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Else Van Erp. 18 observers.

0900-1330. 10 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 48-70° F.

48 species, 669 individuals.

Monna Krebs compiler

1995 FALL BIRD COUNT

September 9, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Joey Kellner

0500-1630. 36 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Party cloudy, wind west 0-15 mph, 58-70° F.

74 species, 920 individuals.

Observers: Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen.

September 9, Saturday (WTR)

Waterton

Leader: Hugh Kingery

0645-1645. 10 miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

80 species, 1,755 individuals.

Observers: Bev DuGay, Greg Goodrich, Ed Holub, Urling Kingery, Larry Modesitt, Dick Pratt.

September 9, Saturday (LBC)

Lower Bear Creek

Leader: Bob Spencer

0730-1500. 35 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind northwest 0-5 mph, 50-65°F. 69 species, 2,561 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bobby Ausphal, Ruth Breckon, Bobbie DeMuth, Sally Fouch, Tom Fouch, Al Hay, Dee Hay, Betty Oliver, Harold Oliver, Vi Vossman.

September 10, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery

Leader: Jackie King

0630-1330. 108 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Foggy early, clearing late, calm, 45-78° F.

52 species, 2,079 individuals.

No observers.

September 10, Sunday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leader: Dick Schottler

0630-1600. Zero miles by car, 5.0 miles on foot.

Overcast and fog early, clearing late,

wind variable 0-5 mph, 50-75° F.

73 species, 1,835 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Tony Leukering, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter, Casey Rucker, Scott Rucker, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer.

September 10, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz

0545-1600. 12 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear early, partly cloudy late, wind south

0-10 mph, 45-80° F. 61 species, 718 individuals.

Observers: Selma Berman, Bev DuGay, J.B. Hayes.

September 10, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery

0645-1530. 20 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy early, clearing late.

71 species, 1,319 individuals.

Observers: Ann Caples, Hugh Kingery, Bob Wing, Ru Wing.

September 11, Monday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

0700-1430. 10 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy, wind northwest 15-40 mph, 50-75° F.

57 species, 916 individuals.

Observers: Betty Ambler, Mary Burger, Ginny Faxon, Tom Faxon, Kathryn Holtze, Jane Johnson, Elly Jones, Larry Modesitt, Diana Mullineaux, Jack Reddall, Sue Schulman, Chris Sherry, Helen Standish, Ellen Swanson, Joe TenBrink, Chuck Walters.

SPECIES	1-4 SEC	2 WBL	16 RRF	17 ROX	23 RIG	24 WRG	5 PVR	12 LLA	19 LOB	26 CCR
Common Loon										1
Pied-billed Grebe	1					1				1
Horned Grebe						1				
Eared Grebe	5					1				
Western Grebe	2									3
Clark's Grebe	36									
American White Pelican	45	80								30
Double-crested Cormorant	1	15				35				160
Great Blue Heron	10	25								1
Great Egret		6								
Snowy Egret		8								
Cattle Egret		100								
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1								
White-faced Ibis	3	27								
Canada Goose		100		20		30				
Green-winged Teal	20	40			2	25				1
Mallard	70	35			1	50		9	2	5
Northern Pintail	30	5								
Blue-winged Teal	5	6								
Cinnamon Teal	5									
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.	200					5				30
Northern Shoveler	45	4			1	3				
Gadwall	20					18				
American Wigeon						22				
Ring-necked Duck						1		8		
Bufflehead						1f				
Ruddy Duck	15					2				
Turkey Vulture	40		2							5
Osprey										1
Mississippi Kite	11									
Northern Harrier	5				3		1			1
Sharp-shinned Hawk			1		1					
Cooper's Hawk	1			2						
Broad-winged Hawk				1						
Swainson's Hawk	36				2					1
Red-tailed Hawk				2			1	1	1	4
Western races	10	2			1					
Ferruginous Hawk	3									
Buteo species							1			2
Golden Eagle	2		1	1						
American Kestrel	17	6	1		1					
Merlin					1					
Prairie Falcon	2		1	1	1					
Falcon species								1		
Wild Turkey	13									
Northern Bobwhite	1h									
Scaled Quail	1									
Sora	1h									
American Coot		10				6				66
Snowy Plover	1									
Killdeer	43	60			2	2				4
Black-necked Stilt	25									
American Avocet	40	35								
Greater Yellowlegs	5	2								2
Lesser Yellowlegs	25	4								3
Solitary Sandpiper	1									
Willet	1									
Spotted Sandpiper	3									

SPECIES	1-4	2	16	17	23	24	5	12	19	26
	SEC	WBL	RRF	ROX	RIG	WRG	PVR	LLA	LOB	CCR
Upland Sandpiper	1+2h									
Long-billed Curlew	7									
Red Knot	1aw									
Sanderling	2									
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1									
Western Sandpiper										1
Least Sandpiper	10	3								
Baird's Sandpiper	30	30								
Stilt Sandpiper	30									
Long-billed Dowitcher	10	20								
Common Snipe		2								4
Wilson's Phalarope	125									
Red-necked Phalarope	2									
Franklin's Gull	235	250								
Ring-billed Gull	105	40				24				75
California Gull	15	1								6
♦ Western Gull										1
Sabine's Gull										3
Common Tern	1a									
Forster's Tern	3	30								
Black Tern	35	2								
Rock Dove	55	20	1	8						2
Mourning Dove	75	30	1	2	30	1	1			1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7									
Greater Roadrunner	2									
Barn Owl	3									
Western Screech-Owl	1									
Great Horned Owl	2		1							1
Burrowing Owl	2				1					
Common Nighthawk	1									1
Common Poorwill					1					
White-throated Swift			11	1						
Black-chinned Hummingbird	1f									
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		1	1	1			7	2		
Hummingbird species									1	
Belted Kingfisher	2	4				2				2
Lewis' Woodpecker	16									
Red-headed Woodpecker	4									
Red-naped Sapsucker			1		1		2	1		
Williamson's Sapsucker								1		
Downy Woodpecker	8		4	1				1	2	
Hairy Woodpecker								1		
Northern Flicker			1	2			4		3	7
"Red-shafted" race	12		2		2	6				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1									
Western Wood-Pewee	1	1			2					1
Willow Flycatcher	2									
Least Flycatcher	6									
Hammond's Flycatcher					1					
Eastern Phoebe	12									
Say's Phoebe	3		3		2					
Great Crested Flycatcher	1+1h									
Cassin's Kingbird	2									
Western Kingbird	35				4					
Eastern Kingbird	2						1			3
Horned Lark	65				10					
Cliff Swallow	40									1
Barn Swallow	45	60			5	75	6	1		42

SPECIES	1-4	2	16	17	23	24	5	12	19	26
	SEC	WBL	RRF	ROX	RIG	WRG	PVR	LLA	LOB	CCR
Swallow species								3		
Steller's Jay			9				1	2	12	
Blue Jay	6					1				
Scrub Jay	5		11	17			2			
Pinyon Jay	36									
Clark's Nutcracker								3		
Black-billed Magpie	15	1	13		1	6	1			15
American Crow	5		3						2	
Chihuahuan Raven	5									
Common Raven	15		2	4			1	1		2
Black-capped Chickadee	6	9	14	4		2	6		17	3
Mountain Chickadee			8	1				7	13	
Bushtit	45									
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3		5					3	1	
White-breasted Nuthatch				1				1		
Pygmy Nuthatch			6					1	1	
Rock Wren	1		3		1					
Canyon Wren	4		8	2						
Bewick's Wren	1									
House Wren	6	1	2		1		1			
American Dipper									1	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					3	1		3		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1		1	1	2					
Western Bluebird								25		
Mountain Bluebird								10		
Townsend's Solitaire					8			1	3	
American Robin	12		7	2	1	6			119	
Gray Catbird	1									
Northern Mockingbird	2									
Sage Thrasher					2					
Brown Thrasher	12									
Cedar Waxwing	16								12	
Loggerhead Shrike	4				1					
European Starling	125	20			10	35				60
Solitary Vireo						2				
Red-eyed Vireo	1									
Tennessee Warbler					3					
Orange-crowned Warbler					1	1			3	
Virginia's Warbler									2	
Yellow Warbler	23						1			
Yellow-rumped Warbler									4	
"Myrtle" race					1					1
"Audubon's" race					1	4		14		2
Townsend's Warbler									3	
American Redstart	1fym									
Ovenbird	1									
Northern Waterthrush	3									
MacGillivray's Warbler									2	
Common Yellowthroat	1m1f	5								
Wilson's Warbler	17	5	3	2	5	2	10		6	
Western Tanager	1m		2		1					
Northern Cardinal	1m									
Black-headed Grosbeak	2		1							
Blue Grosbeak	8									
Green-tailed Towhee			1		1		1			
Rufous-sided Towhee	4		9	7	1				5	
Canyon Towhee	14									
Chipping Sparrow	65		4	1						3

SPECIES	1-4	2	16	17	23	24	5	12	19	26
	SEC	WBL	RRF	ROX	RIG	WRG	PVR	LLA	LOB	CCR
Clay-colored Sparrow	2				3	1				
Brewer's Sparrow				1	10					
Field Sparrow	5									
Vesper Sparrow	1		1		20					
Lark Sparrow	18				1					
Lark Bunting	230	1			1					
Grasshopper Sparrow	1				1					
Song Sparrow						6	2		4	2
Lincoln's Sparrow					2					
White-crowned Sparrow						2				
"Gambel's" race					8					
Dark-eyed Junco								5	2	
Sparrow species							1			
Red-winged Blackbird	160	40				10				3
Western Meadowlark	34	10	2		3					1
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3					1m				
Brewer's Blackbird						15				30
Great-tailed Grackle	45	3								
Common Grackle	120	10				50				
Brown-headed Cowbird		1								
Orchard Oriole	1									
Northern Oriole										
"Bullock's" race	1									
Cassin's Finch			3							
House Finch	25		17			8				66
Pine Siskin			11				10	3	2	
Lesser Goldfinch			1	1						1
"Green-backed" race	2									
"Black-backed" race	5						7		12	
American Goldfinch	25	10	6						8	3
House Sparrow	45	50			30					1
TOTAL SPECIES	138	50	41	25	49	39	20	24	27	48
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3014	1231	185	86	198	464	70	109	246	669

Fall Count, 1 of 2	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	11
SPECIES	CSP	WTR	LBC	BLP	BAR	CAC	RMA	CCR
Common Loon			1					
Pied-billed Grebe		8	2		4		7	2
Horned Grebe			2					
Eared Grebe							3	
Western Grebe					29			1
Clark's Grebe					1			
American White Pelican			48	50	125		1	29
Double-crested Cormorant	52	13	85	8	42		1	10
Great Blue Heron	7	6	20	7	18		3	21
Snowy Egret					1			
Black-crowned Night-Heron			1	1	3		1	1
White-faced Ibis					1		1	
Canada Goose	240	30	86	60	550		91	7
Wood Duck	8	8						
Green-winged Teal	8		4		50			25
Mallard	16	51	309	80	275	9	37	20
Northern Pintail		1		6	60			
Blue-winged Teal			31	3			10	
Cinnamon Teal				5	2		18	
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.		3			20	1	30	
Northern Shoveler	3	3	6		7		50	
Gadwall	8	20	70				58	2
American Wigeon	5	63	27		4		20	
Redhead			36					
Common Merganser	24	2a6i						
Ruddy Duck					4		2	8
Turkey Vulture	6	2	6			55	1	1
Osprey					1			
Bald Eagle					1a			
Northern Harrier		1		3	1	1	2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1				2	
Cooper's Hawk	1	1						
Swainson's Hawk	2		9	12	9	1	2	3
Red-tailed Hawk	1			4	2			1
Western races		1	3a1i			3	18	
Ferruginous Hawk				1				
Golden Eagle		1					1	
American Kestrel	1m	8	3	9	2	3	7	1
Peregrine Falcon					1a			
Prairie Falcon						1		
Ring-necked Pheasant							2	
Wild Turkey							1	
Virginia Rail	9	5	2h	1				5
Sora	1							

SPECIES	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	11
	CSP	WTR	LBC	BLP	BAR	CAC	RMA	CCR
American Coot		100	180	25	12		12	25
Semipalmated Plover					1			
Killdeer	50	3	30	30	51		18	10
Greater Yellowlegs				26	8		3	
Lesser Yellowlegs	3				3			2
Solitary Sandpiper					5			2
Willet				2				
Spotted Sandpiper	5		1		1		1	
Sanderling	4				14j			
Least Sandpiper	1							
Baird's Sandpiper	12			3	15			2
Common Snipe		1		1				2
Pomarine Jaeger								1
Long-tailed Jaeger					1a			
Franklin's Gull			36		3			
Ring-billed Gull	55	6	317	30	9			75
California Gull	24	2	84		7			12
Sabine's Gull								2
Common Tern	2nbc							3
Forster's Tern	1b							
Black Tern	6	2			6			
Rock Dove	2	21	26	40	13	4	5	6
Mourning Dove	4	31	22	50	43	33	101	25
Black-hooded Conure		1						
Great Horned Owl	6	2	1	3	2	2	3	1
Burrowing Owl							4	
Common Nighthawk				1		23	1	
Common Poorwill	1					2		
White-throated Swift						1		
Black-chinned Hummingbird		1						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	1f	4				3		
Belted Kingfisher	8	4	9	1	2		4	1
Downy Woodpecker		3	1	1	3		7	1
Eastern races	3					1		
Hairy Woodpecker					1		2	
Northern Flicker			49	3				
"Red-shafted" race	11	13			4	5	14	9
Olive-sided Flycatcher		12						
Western Wood-Pewee	14	35	14		6	12	2	2
Dusky Flycatcher			2					
Gray Flycatcher							1	
Cordilleran Flycatcher	1		2		1	2		
Empidonax species		1	1		1	2	4	
Say's Phoebe		9				3		

Fall Count, 2 of 2

SPECIES	9 CSP	9 WTR	9 LBC	10 BLP	10 BAR	10 CAC	10 RMA	11 CCR
Western Kingbird	4	7	4	10		3	29	2
Horned Lark	5		2	45				
Tree Swallow			5					2
Violet-green Swallow		2	2					
No. Rough-winged Swallow		3						
Bank Swallow					2			1
Cliff Swallow				40				
Barn Swallow	60	125	183	300	250	9	39	65
Swallow species		230						200
Steller's Jay						12		
Blue Jay		3	6	1		1		
Scrub Jay		1				11		
Black-billed Magpie	34	37	76	23	12		77	45
American Crow	10	12	2					2
Common Raven	2		2			1		
Black-capped Chickadee	27	54	22	2	17	18	26	5
Mountain Chickadee						10		
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	1			6		
White-breasted Nuthatch	2					4		
Pygmy Nuthatch						5		
Rock Wren		2	5				1	
Canyon Wren						3		
House Wren	18	14	3	1	10	13	42	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	4	2				14		
Western Bluebird						3		
Mountain Bluebird						7		
Townsend's Solitaire						1		
American Robin	14	13	32	12	3	17	1	3
Gray Catbird	5	6			1			
Sage Thrasher	3						1	
Cedar Waxwing	1	6				2		
Loggerhead Shrike		2		1		1	3	
European Starling	21	308	223	520	58		400	35
Solitary Vireo							1	
"Plumbeous" race						5		
Warbling Vireo		1			4	3		
Red-eyed Vireo		1						
Orange-crowned Warbler	2	1	1		2	1	8	1
Virginia's Warbler	1							
Yellow Warbler	1	2	4		1		1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler								
"Audubon's" race	1							
American Redstart	1ms	1						

SPECIES	9 CSP	9 WTR	9 LBC	10 BLP	10 BAR	10 CAC	10 RMA	11 CCR
MacGillivray's Warbler	1				1		1	
Common Yellowthroat	1	11		7	2		10	8
Wilson's Warbler	10	12	3		7	6	15	2
Yellow-breasted Chat	3	1						
Black-headed Grosbeak						3		
Lazuli Bunting	9	9						
Indigo Bunting						2		
Green-tailed Towhee						2	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	20	5				9		
Chipping Sparrow		1	52		2	24	3	
Brewer's Sparrow			4	1		1		
"Spizella" species							13	
Vesper Sparrow	4	15	23	40	1	45	24	1
Lark Sparrow	1	20		15	4	3	4	
Lark Bunting	4	1		70			16	
Savannah Sparrow		3	4				3	
Grasshopper Sparrow	1		1					
Song Sparrow	6	5	4	5	5	4	4	10
Lincoln's Sparrow		1				2	2	
White-crowned Sparrow								
"Gambel's" race								1
Dark-eyed Junco				2				
"Gray-headed" race						2		
Red-winged Blackbird		268	23	80			12	100
Western Meadowlark		3	13	30	3		12	
Yellow-headed Blackbird			3					
Brewer's Blackbird		7	14	3		2	3	10
Common Grackle			18					10
Brown-headed Cowbird								5
Orchard Oriole					1f			
House Finch	1	12	248	205	16	2	19	35
Pine Siskin	4		2			75		
Lesser Goldfinch		38				217		
"Green-backed" race	6							
American Goldfinch	26	23			1	2	2	25
House Sparrow		2	48	200	6		25	30
TOTAL SPECIES	74	80	69	52	73	61	71	57
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	920	1755	2561	2079	1835	718	1319	916

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - SEPTEMBER 1995

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Osprey	9/20	2	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
	9/22	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
Bald Eagle	9/16	1a	I-25 at exit 254	Weld	Tina Jones
Northern Goshawk	9/24	1a	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
	9/25	1a	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Swainson's Hawk	111	9/20	Anton area	Washington	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery
Scaled Quail	9/25	12	Timpas picnic area	Otero	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
Black-bellied Plover	9/23	1	Lake Henry	Crowley	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
American Golden-Plover	9/24	1j	West shore of Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
	9/25	8w	Jumbo SWA	Sedgwick	Jack Reddall
	9/30	1j	South shore of Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
Ruddy Turnstone	9/9	1wa	Hannah Ranch SWA	El Paso	Brandon Percival, John Barber, Mark Hullinger, Mark Janos
Red Knot	9/1-3	1wa	La Junta Sewage Ponds	Otero	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson, Mark Janos, Van Truan, Vic Zerbi
Red Phalarope	9/25	2w	Jumbo SWA	Sedgwick	Jack Reddall
Parasitic Jaeger	9/9	1j	Lake Henry	Crowley	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Scott Seltman, Mike Rader, mo
	9/17	light phase			
Long-tailed Jaeger	9/4	1a	South shore of Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
	9/6	1a	South shore of Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
♦ Western Gull	9/16-30	1 3rd yr.	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Glenn Hageman, Jeane Hageman, mo
Sabine's Gull	9/12	2j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	9/16	1j	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Bob Brown, Lea Ann Brown
	9/19	1j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Brandon Percival, John Barber, Bob Dickson, Bill Lisowsky
	9/20	1j	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	9/23	1	Farm pond near Manzanola	Otero	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
	9/27	3j	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea
Common Tern	9/7-29	1-2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Least Tern	9/26	4	Blue Lake	Bent	Dan Bridges
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	9/29	1	Prewitt Reservoir SWA	Washington	Jack Reddall
Common Poorwill	9/30	1	Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Dan Bridges
Red-bellied Woodpecker	9/17	1m, 1f	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
Plain Titmouse	9/25	4	Trinidad State Park	Las Animas	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
Bell's Vireo	9/23	1	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen
Philadelphia Vireo	9/7	1	Valco Ponds	Peublo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Tennessee Warbler	9/19	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/21	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Nashville Warbler	9/9	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Lea Ann Brown
Chestnut-sided Warbler	9/20	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/22	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Magnolia Warbler	9/17	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
	9/19	1am	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/21	1am	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-throated Blue Warbler	9/24	1fym	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	9/25	1fym	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Blackburnian Warbler	9/16	1am	SW corner of Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
Palm Warbler	9/21	1	Bonny Reservoir	Yuma	Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby
Black-and-white Warbler	9/3	1	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
SummerTanager	9/22	1f	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Northern Cardinal	9/3	1m	Carrizo Canyon	Baca	Brandon Percival, mo
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	9/25	1im	Wheat Ridge Greenbelt	Jefferson	Bob Spencer
Vesper Sparrow	9/20	294	Anton area	Washington	Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery

(F) = form submitted

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, j = juvenile, i = immature, fym = first year male,

b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing,

h = heard

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

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CORRECTION TO THE AUGUST, 1995 TRIP REPORT

Please note that on the August 26 field trip to Chatfield State Park, led by Ed Holub, the following people were omitted from the list of observers: Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, JoAnn Hackos, and Ruth Holland. The editor regrets these omissions.

LYNN WILLCOCKSON OFFERS NEW REASONS TO BIRD AND A NEW SEX IDENT TIP

On my September 16 field trip to Red Rocks and Mt. Falcon, a visitor, Paul Murgatroyd from Virginia, accompanied the group. He is with the World Bank. He was on his way home from five weeks in Mongolia where he was helping with their banking system. He stopped in Denver to

recover from "jet lag". Now that's a new reason to stop to do some birding!

We started at the Trading Post at Red Rocks.

Our first bird was a male Canyon Wren. I know you usually can not tell a male from a female, but we knew it must have been a male because we saw it in the Trading Post **Men's Room**. The Men's Room has an outside entrance and the door was open.

D.A.S. HUMMINGBIRD LECTURE

The Denver Audubon Society presents an unforgettable afternoon of jewels in flight. The noted photographer/author team Esther and Bob Tyrell, authors of *Hummingbirds: Their Life and Behavior* and *Hummingbirds of the Caribbean*, will give a special lecture and slide presentation on hummingbirds at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 in Ricketson Auditorium at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Copies of the Tyrell's books will be available for sale at the

lecture and slide presentation, and the Tyrells will be on hand to autograph them. Admission to the lecture and slide presentation is \$5.00 per person. Hummingbird lovers all over Denver and across the state, are expected to attend for what will likely be a sellout event. You may send your admission fee in advance to the DAS office in order to assure a space. For more information, contact the DAS office at (303) 696-0877

ATTENTION CYBERBIRDERS

The Editor is now online and encourages all members to communicate and send information to *The Lark Bunting* via E-Mail. My internet address is:

labr@ix.netcom.com

I have created a DFO Field Trip Report Form on my computer that would allow trip leaders to submit trip reports by E-mail. If you would like one, please contact me via my internet address and I will forward the report to you by computer.

Leave me your address and I will add it to the ever growing list of members who are online.

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

November 4, Saturday (WRG)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt
Leader: Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947.
Meet at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake at W. 44th Ave. and Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional.

November 5, Sunday (TWP)
Two Ponds and nearby areas
Leader: David Rhoades, 303-424-8633.
Meet at 0800 at the northwest corner of the Target parking lot on the southwest corner of 80th Ave. and Wadsworth Blvd. Half day trip, lunch optional.

November 4-5, Saturday-Sunday (BON)
Bonny Reservoir
Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644

Meet at 0700 at the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch for both days. Stay at Idelia's Prairie Vista Motel, 303 354-7237. State park pass required. Please call leader if you plan to go so carpooling can be arranged.

November 11, Saturday (MFL)
Mt. Falcon and Lair o' the Bear Park
Leader: Bob Spencer, 303-279-4682.
Meet at 0730 at the Park and Ride on the west side of S. Wadsworth Blvd., south of U.S. 285 (Hampden Ave.) Bring lunch.

November 12, Sunday (WLD)
Walden Ponds
Leader: Karleen Schofield, (303) 936-8661.
Meet at 0800 at the south side of Joslin's parking lot at the northwest corner of W. 88th Ave. and Sheridan Blvd. Half day trip, lunch optional. This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 18, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park
Leaders: Glenn Hageman and Jeane Hageman, 303-322-6589.
Meet at 0730 at the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History to carpool, or meet at 0800 at the Nature Center at Barr Lake State Park. Bring lunch. State park pass required.

November 19, Sunday (CAC)
Castlewood Canyon State Park
Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381.
Meet at 0800 at old entrance to the park. From CO 86, one half mile west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Rd. and drive two miles to entrance, or call leader for details. Half day trip, lunch optional. State parks pass required.

November 25, Saturday (PRA)
Platte River in Adams County
Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-2504.
Meet at 0800 at the north parking lot of the Denver Museum of Natural History. This trip will focus on wintering waterfowl. Bring lunch.

This trip is especially good for novice birders and new members.

November 26, Sunday (NEC)

Northeastern Colorado Reservoirs

Leader: Joe Roller, 303-233-4476

Meet at 0630 at the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 Broadway. This trip will include Prewitt Reservoir and may include Jumbo Reservoir. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - Membership Information

WELCOME TO THE DFO

PURPOSE: The prime objective of the club is to promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. Members are encouraged to learn about birds in the field, noting species and numbers, while learning about their songs and calls, as well as habits and habitats.

REGULAR MEETINGS: The general meetings are held each month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 PM at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Dates and subjects of the meetings are reported on the Colorado Rare Bird Alert (424-2144) and in the *Lark Bunting*. The meetings are open to the public without charge.

FIELD TRIPS: These are scheduled for almost every Saturday and Sunday throughout the year to a variety of habitats near Denver. Occasionally special trips are arranged to good birding areas in other parts of Colorado and surrounding states. Usually it is necessary to bring a lunch, and to wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Carpooling is encouraged to get the most from bird watching, as well as to save time and energy. Carpooling cost is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

BULLETIN: A monthly bulletin, the *Lark Bunting*, is issued to all members, listing field trips scheduled. A complete list of bird seen on the previous month's trips is given in checklist order as are interesting sightings reported by members.

DFO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT --- 303-424-2144

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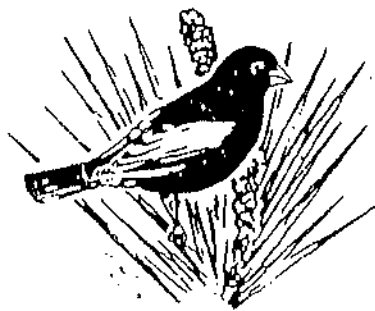
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 3, 1996

Program: A slide show featuring difficult birds. Audience participation.

Speaker: Tony Leukering, Colorado Bird Observatory

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

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FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - OCTOBER, 1995

October 1, Sunday (LWR)

Lower White Ranch, Coors and Mt. Olivet Ponds

Leaders: Diana Mullineaux and Don Mullineaux
0800-1230. 15 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind west 8 mph, 40-65°F.

36 species, 512 individuals.

Observers: Debbie Lowen, Peter Lowen, Dick Newell, Robin Shimel, Traci Shimel, Evelyn Simpson, Amy Young.

October 7, Saturday (BDR)

Boulder Area, to include Baseline Reservoir, Teller Lakes and Walden Ponds

Leader: Bob Jickling

0830-1300. 21 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 38-68° F.

39 species, 785 individuals.

Observers: Mary Burger, Gail Evans, Vince Kloster, Calaine Ohmert, Sue Schulman, Mort Staatz, Helen Standish, John Tumasonis, Amy Young.

October 8, Sunday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado for Sprague's Pipit, to include Ovid, Julesburg and Jumbo Reservoir

Leaders: Norm Erthal and Joey Kellner
0630-1630. 405 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.
Partly cloudy, wind north 15-25 mph, 45-58°F.
60 species, 2,010 individuals.

Observers: Al Boggess, Nancy Boggess, Dina Clark, Colin Deihl, Betty Ellsworth, Tammy Ferreira, J.B. Hayes, Peter Lowen, Tim Mitzen, Ric Olson, Steve Stachowiak, Joyce Takamine, Vic Zerbi.

October 14, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Gail Evans

0800-1330. 3.5 miles by car, 3.5 miles on foot.

Clear, wind southeast 1-5 mph, 45-68° F.

51 species, 258 individuals.

Observers: Dave Compton, Pearl Jordan, Calaine Ohmert, Joe Roller, Helen Standish, Chuck Walters.

October 15, Sunday (BCR)

Bear Creek plains to foothills

Leader Cal Wichern

0800-1430. 50 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

Members who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* by the 25th of the month should contact the Treasurer (Glenn Hageman, 322-6589), as he usually has extra copies. Those who fail to receive the *Lark Bunting* for two or more consecutive months should contact the Treasurer in writing.

Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc., relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit any announcement.

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Sunny, calm, 70-80°F.

40 species, 202 individuals.

Observers: Ursula Barsch, Bert Fisher, Dave
Klauber, Hugh Ravatt.

October 21, Saturday

(BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Lee Rowe and Marilyn Rowe

0830-1230. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy to partly cloudy, calm, 45-70° F.

46 species, 1,565 individuals.

Observers: Eddie Cohen, Eva Cohen, Ruth
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Mitzen, Peter Mulholland, Calaine Ohmert,
Lorene Patterson, Pam Patterson, Bob Spencer,
Helen Standish, Ann Thomas.

October 21-22, Saturday-Sunday

(MVI)

Monte Vista NWR, Home Lake, Smith Reservoir SWA, Lathrop State Park

Leaders: Myron Plooster and Suzi Plooster

16 hours total birding. 1.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, and warm on 10/21, cool and wind
southwest 20-40 mph on 10/22, 60-70° F on
10/21, mid-40's on 10/22.

79 species, 8,860 individuals.

Observers: Bob Bierling, Jessica Boni, Glenn
Hageman, Jeane Hageman.

October 28, Saturday

(RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leaders: Ed Holub and Dave Rhoades

0740-1510. 42 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Clear to partly cloudy, wind south 0-3 mph,
28-62°F.

52 species, 1,393 individuals.

Observers: Mary Burger, Ruth Davis, Peter
Lowen, Allen Mode and Jackie Mode
(California), Sue Schulman, Helen Standish.

October 29, Sunday

(PRA)

Platte River and Adams County

Leaders: David Laliberte and Frances Sperl

0815-1500. 12.6 miles by car, 1.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to cloudy, wind northeast 9 mph,
31-48°F.

41 species, 1,018 individuals.

Observers: Dave Compton, Ruth Davis, Pearl
Jordan, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Jean Tarbel.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

October 3, Tuesday (MTF)

Mt. Falcon Open Space

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 observers.

0900-1130. Zero miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, calm, 40-53° F.

23 species, 111 individuals.

October 10, Tuesday (WAC)

Waterton Canyon

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers.

0900-1400. Zero miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, intermittent wind, 55-66°F.

30 species, 123 individuals.

October 17, Tuesday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers.

0900-1200. 20 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind south 0-5 mph, 54-68°F.

24 species, 152 individuals.

October 24, Tuesday (CAR)

Chatfield Arboretum

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind southeast 4-5 mph, 38-62°F.

30 species, 261 individuals.

October 31, Tuesday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Foggy and cloudy, wind variable 6-12 mph, 31-37°F.

41 species, 713 individuals.

Monna Krebs compiler

GUANELLA PASS REMINDER

The Clear Creek County Commissioners have designated the Guanella Pass Road in Clear Creek County as a secondary road for winter maintenance. This means that the road may be closed for up to three days following a major storm or snowfall. This closure applies to the

portion of the road south of the Cabin Creek Power Plant. For a taped message on road conditions and closures call Clear Creek County's metro Denver telephone number, 534-5777, extension 303.

REPORT ON RIGHTER DFO TRIP TO CALIFORNIA COAST

Bob Righter's DFO trip to Monterey, California on October 4-9 was a huge success with 149 species of birds reported. Highlight species from the trip include Black-footed Albatross, Flesh-footed Shearwater, and Harlequin Duck, just to name a few. Participants were George Armbrust, Ron Carter, Patty Echelmeyer, Linda Metcalf, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster and Jack Reddall.

SHARE YOUR BIRDING ADVENTURES

If in 1995 you saw lots of birds, or a few rare ones, or went on a great birding trip, passed a significant milestone on your life list or had other noteworthy, exciting or disastrous birding adventures, we would like for you to share them with your fellow DFO members. Please forward the details in a short note to Gail Evans, 1480 S. Jasmine Way, Denver, 80224. These trip highlights will appear in the February issue of *The Lark Bunting*.

COLORADO HAWKS AND OWLS

Tina Jones will once again be sharing her knowledge and expertise in a class which will emphasize identification of Colorado hawks and owls and their natural history and behavior, in two classroom sessions and one field trip. Mark your calendars for January 23 and January 30 for the first classroom session, and January 22 and January 29 for the second classroom session. Both classroom sessions will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens. The field trip will be February 3. Fee and registration required. Call instructor, Tina Jones at 794-2647 for more information.

SPECIES	1	7	8	14	15	21	21-22	28	29	3	10	17	24	31
	LWR	BDR	NEC	CSP	BCR	BAR	MVI	RMA	PRA	MTF	WAC	CAC	CAR	WRG
Pied-billed Grebe		18	1	3	1	1	4	2	2					7
Horned Grebe	3	2		3			8							1
Eared Grebe			2				3							
Western Grebe		40	4	30	5	50	12							
Clark's Grebe							2							
American White Pelican			11			3	6		4					
Double-crested Cormorant	3		220	1	3		5	1						
Great Blue Heron		1	2	2	2			3	3					
Cattle Egret							10							
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1												
Canada Goose	180	46	240	4	8	200	1000	200	75					157
Wood Duck	2			1				1						
Green-winged Teal		6	95	4		15	230	2	120					9
Mallard	2	28	40	30	4	250	480	20	110				1	141
Northern Pintail		2	15			6	400	25	40					
Blue-winged Teal							6							
Northern Shoveler			12	8		300	350	1	35					56
Gadwall		6	40	12		200	200	35	125					2
American Wigeon		130	18	8	7		100	40	55					26
Canvasback						8	40	35						
Redhead		14		4	14	12	40	20	5					21
Ring-necked Duck	7	65		2	12		30	20	8					23
Lesser Scaup				1		36	20	10	1					2
White-winged Scoter									1					
Common Goldeneye														2
Bufflehead			2f			5	60	10	46					5
Hooded Merganser	1	4						1						1
Common Merganser				1				4						
Ruddy Duck			80	7			30		1					
Osprey							1				1			
Bald Eagle						2								
Northern Harrier			9			6	14	2					1m	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2						1	2						1
Cooper's Hawk										2				
Northern Goshawk										1				
Accipiter species									1					
Broad-winged Hawk										1				
Swainson's Hawk			1											
Red-tailed Hawk	3					1	32		4	1	1	3	2	
Western races		4	36	2	2			3						
"Harlan's" race									1					
"Kriger's" race									1					
Ferruginous Hawk			1						1					
Rough-legged Hawk						1	1							
Buteo species										3				
Golden Eagle	1		1i							1	2			
American Kestrel			2		2		2	2	2	1				
Peregrine Falcon							1							
Prairie Falcon	1		1	1				1	1					
Falcon species										1				
Ring-necked Pheasant							1	3						
Virginia Rail														2
American Coot		24		10	1	50	420	250	58					50
Sandhill Crane							1800							
Black-bellied Plover			20											
American Golden-Plover			1											
Killdeer		11		3		2	1	1	6					

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	LWR	BDR	NEC	CSP	BCR	BAR	MVI	RMA	PRA	MTF	WAC	CAC	CAR	WRG
Greater Yellowlegs		6	3				3							
Lesser Yellowlegs		13	1											
Spotted Sandpiper											1			
Least Sandpiper			6											
Long-billed Dowitcher				4			28							
Common Snipe		1			2		2		1					2
Jaeger Species						1								
Franklin's Gull	10	180	50											
Ring-billed Gull		35	160	20	6	20	18	12	62				2	75
California Gull		4	1	5	2	1					1			
Herring Gull				1		9								
Rock Dove	30	15	1	2	2		20	6	18		6	25	13	4
Mourning Dove			11	1			4							
Greater Roadrunner							1							
Eastern Screech-Owl														1
Great Horned Owl				1			5						2	
White-throated Swift	4													
Belted Kingfisher	3	3	1	2	2			2	5		2			2
Red-naped Sapsucker			1f				1							
Downy Woodpecker	1	1		2	2	1		2	2				2	2
Eastern races			1											
Hairy Woodpecker							1			4				
Northern Flicker	3					10	6			3	13	2	3	12
"Yellow-shafted" race			1											
"Red-shafted" race		3	3	3	6			18	2					
Horned Lark			30				33		1h					
Barn Swallow			150	1										
Gray Jay											1			
Steller's Jay	2				2		25			7	4	2		
Blue Jay	1	3	1	1		1					1		1	2
Scrub Jay	4				3		12				4	7	3	
Pinyon Jay							40							
Clark's Nutcracker										6				
Black-billed Magpie	5	9	5	6		12	25	25	40		9	12	10	18
American Crow	50	15		6	3	10	20	26	1	1	6		8	1
Common Raven	3			3			20			4		3		
Black-capped Chickadee		5	3	4	8	20	8	5	5		5		12	10
Mountain Chickadee	9				10		27	1		14	1	8		
Plain Titmouse							1							
Bushtit							12							
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	1	3	1		8		5		
White-breasted Nuthatch					3		3			2		3	1	2
Pygmy Nuthatch					4					35		1		
Brown Creeper						6	1							
Rock Wren							1							
Canyon Wren											5	1		
House Wren													1h	
American Dipper											4			
Golden-crowned Kinglet						4							3	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1			2	2	3		1			6			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						2								
Mountain Bluebird	15		2				11			7		4		
Townsend's Solitaire					2		5			2	8	4	1h	1
Swainson's Thrush						4								
American Robin	2		25	2	4	25	23	35			4	1		1
Gray Catbird				1		1								
Northern Mockingbird							1							
Brown Thrasher								1						

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	LWR	BDR	NEC	CSP	BCR	BAR	MVI	RMA	PRA	MTF	WAC	CAC	CAR	WRG
American Pipit			35											
Sprague's Pipit			2											
Northern Shrike								1						
Loggerhead Shrike												1		
Shrike species													1	
European Starling	80	40	265	25	10	50	1500	300	45		6	1	65	20
Solitary Vireo											2			
Warbling Vireo	1													
Red-eyed Vireo								1					1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		2		2		5				5				
"Myrtle" race			3										7	
"Audubon's" race			36		4									
Wilson's Warbler											2		1	
Northern Cardinal			1f											
Green-tailed Towhee										1				
Rufous-sided Towhee	3			1							4			
American Tree Sparrow								60	4				14	5
Chipping Sparrow													4	
Clay-colored Sparrow			2											
Vesper Sparrow			6											
Savannah Sparrow			1				1							
Fox Sparrow								1						
Song Sparrow	1			4	2	8	3	10	5		4		6	9
White-throated Sparrow			2			1								
White-crowned Sparrow	6				2	12	6	3	6		9		10	7
"Gambel's" race		2	160	6										
Dark-eyed Junco	1			1			70		7	1		2	15	2
"Slate-colored" race								6						
"Oregon" race					2			2			2			
"Pink-sided" race			4			7		30						
"Gray-headed" race					3									
Chestnut-collared Longspur			9											
Red-winged Blackbird		35	50	2	4	200	1300	30	20			15	2	6
Western Meadowlark	2	4	46	4		2	5	60				18	11	
Yellow-headed Blackbird							30							
Brewer's Blackbird							6		10			7		1
Common Grackle	50	4	8	4			3							
Brown-headed Cowbird							3							
Cassin's Finch					2		1							
House Finch		1		3	22		50	50	24		6	4	113	12
Pine Siskin	20						6							
Lesser Goldfinch														2
"Green-backed" race												3		
American Goldfinch		2	50	2	12	1	6							
House Sparrow			20		14		200	10	55		3	20		8
TOTAL SPECIES	36	39	60	51	40	46	79	52	41	23	30	24	30	41
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	512	785	2010	258	202	1565	8860	1394	1018	111	123	152	261	713

ADDITIONAL REPORTS - OCTOBER 1995

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	10/28	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	10/30	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/30	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Joe TenBrink
Common Loon	10/26	3	Baseline Lake	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
Surf Scoter	10/28-10/31	1f	Pueblo Reservoir Fish Hatchery Pond west of Valco Ponds parking lot	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	10/28	1f	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea, mo
Red-breasted Merganser	10/28	4f	Coors Ponds	Jefferson	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Northern Goshawk	10/5	1i	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
♦ Harris' Hawk	10/14	1a	7 miles east of Fowler	Otero	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Merlin	10/29	2	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink
	10/30	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Sandhill Crane	10/18	4	Lake Estes	Larimer	Susan Ward, Scott Rashid
	10/28	24	Guanella Pass	Clear Creek	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	10/29	1000	Briggsdale	Weld	Jean Maguire, Joe TenBrink
Whooping Crane	10/2	16	730 E. Redwood Ct.	Douglas	Lea Ann Brown
American Golden-Plover	10/1	1j	West shore of Milton Reservoir	Weld	Ric Olson
	10/14	10w, 1 molting	Jumbo Reservoir	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
	10/24-10/28	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea, mo
Red-necked Phalarope	10/1	1w	Sweetwater Lake (Northwest of Nee Grande Reservoir)	Kiowa	Dan Bridges
Thayer's Gull	10/11	1fw	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Great Black-backed/ Western Gull	10/1-10/31	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Many observers
Least Tern	10/1	4	Blue Lake	Bent	Dan Bridges
Western Wood-Pewee	10/3	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
Black Phoebe	10/14-10/18	1a	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Mark Janos, Setta Moss, David Pantle
Eastern Phoebe	10/20-10/21	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Winter Wren	10/14	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Mike Carter, Scott Hutchings
	10/22	1	Pony Express SWA	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	10/24	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Scott Hutchings
Eastern Bluebird	10/6	14	N. 109th St., Boulder	Boulder	Bob Jickling
Northern Mockingbird	10/22-10/31	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Sprague's Pipit	10/7	2	North side of Rd. 30 west of Rd. 59	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
Northern Shrike	10/29	1	Coal Creek Canyon (Elev. 8,360 ft.)	Jefferson	Dave Waddington, Jan J. Waddington
Northern Parula	10/28-10/31	1af	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10/15	1f	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, mo
Black-throated Gray Warbler	10/1	1im	1/2 mile below Two Buttes Reservoir	Baca	Dan Bridges
Townsend's Warbler	10/15	1	Canon City Riverwalk	Fremont	Brandon Percival, mo
	10/16	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Palm Warbler	10/7	1	Pony Express SWA	Sedgwick	Dan Bridges
	10/29	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Black-and-white Warbler	10/28	1im	Chatfield State Park	Douglas	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
American Redstart	10/29	1fym	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	10/6	1im	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Dickson
Canyon Towhee	10/2	1	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Swamp Sparrow	10/11	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/31	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
White-throated Sparrow	10/13	1i	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	10/28	1 white morph	Georgetown	Clear Creek	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	10/29	1a	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Golden-crowned Sparrow	10/23	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Harris' Sparrow	10/16	1i	7420 Spring Dr.	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	10/29	1	7420 Spring Dr.	Boulder	Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster
	10/29	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	10/30	1	Parker	Douglas	Joe TenBrink
Lapland Longspur	10/29	30+	Pawnee National Grassland	Weld	Jean Maguire, Joe Tenbrink
	10/30	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival

(F) = form submitted

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, j = juvenile, i = immature, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Viola Bossman	4050 S. Bannock St., #111, Englewood, 80110-4661	(303) 781-6855
Steve Davis	24 Bonneymede Rd., #210, Pueblo, 81001	(719) 584-3565
Bernie and Marilyn Felix	817 S. Youngfield Ct., Lakewood, 80228-2814	(303) 988-6903
Byron Giezentanner	10551 W. 105th Ave., Westminster, 80021	(303) 469-6355
Mark Hullinger	2415 Courtney Dr., Colorado Springs, 80919	---
Lynne Jordan	P.O. Box 261063, Highlands Ranch, 80163	(303) 930-5432
Alison Matthews	10631 102nd Pl., Broomfield, 80021	(303) 466-0295
Christie Owens		
and Richard Mendez	418 Sumner St., Longmont, 80501	(303) 772-6048
Richard M. Pratt	4196 S. Pennsylvania St., Englewood, 80110	(303) 788-0604

OCTOBER DONATIONS TO COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT

Minerva Canavan
Tina Jones
Dr. Roger and Donna Mattson
Christie Owens and Richard Mendez

PEARL JORDAN APPOINTED TRIP COORDINATOR

The Denver Field Ornithologists Board of Directors extends its thanks to Pearl Jordan, (303) 987-2802 our new Field Trip Coordinator. Pearl will be responsible for the months of January, April, July and October. Other

volunteers include Jackie King (303) 287-1644, February, May, August and November, and Mort Staatz (303) 279-6169, March, June, September and December.

Several hundred club members and guests participate each year in field trip activities. We

thank our three coordinators and talented trip leaders for making such an outstanding field trip schedule possible.

If you have a favorite trip you would like to lead in 1996, the coordinators would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

Bank interest generated by the DFO Educational Endowment Fund helped send Tim Mitzen to Camp Chiricahua. Camp Chiricahua is a summer camp in Southeastern Arizona for young birders. Following is a letter to our President, Joey Kellner, from Tim.

July 27, 1995
Dear Joey:

I have now returned from Camp Chiricahua in Arizona and am writing to tell how it went.

I had a **great** time down there, saw lots of beautiful birds and met many nice people. I saw a total of 163 species, of which 78 were life birds for me. We saw nine species of owls including Whiskered Screech and Spotted. The hummingbirds at Ramsey Canyon Preserve were fantastic! My favorite hummers were the Broad-billed's because it's like their whole body is a gorget. The Elegant Trogons were very, very beautiful and we saw them while they were nesting.

Our last day of birding at the Patagonia Roadside Reststop was the best for me. We saw the Thick-billed Kingbird, Varied Bunting, Gray Hawk and Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet there. We had excellent looks at Gray Hawks, and they looked exactly like in the field guide. We saw most of the Arizona specialties except for a few. The leaders, Dave Jasper and Rob Day, were great and were very knowledgeable about the birds in the area. Dave was especially good because he lives right down there in Portal, Arizona, so he knew exactly where the birds were roosting, nesting, etc.

It was fun to be able to sit around and talk about birds with kids my own age. I got to be real good friends with three of the other kids in camp. The only disappointment was that at the end of 12 days, we each had to go home to a different state. The day after I got back, my new friend Brad, called me from Michigan and I have also received a letter from him, too. Brad knows Jamie Arnold, another youth birder in Boulder, and he wants to come out to Colorado next summer, so the three of us can do some birding together. Suzi Plooster introduced me to Jamie only this spring, and I have been birding with him once, so we hope to do some birding this summer.

I would like to thank the DFO again for helping me achieve my goal. Without their contribution, I would not have been able to attend this very educational and worthwhile camp.

Sincerely,
Tim Mitzen
Thornton, Colorado

UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

December 2, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Walter Hackney, 303-750-2823.

Meet at 0800 at west gate of the park, just east of Cherry Creek High School (east from Yosemite St. on Union Ave. then south and east to gate). Half day trip, lunch optional. State parks pass required.

December 3, Sunday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Ruth Breckon 303-455-0970.

Meet at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of W. 44th Ave. near Robb St. Half day trip, lunch optional.

Scheduled by Mort Staatz 303-279-6169

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1995

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler 303-278-8035

Compilation Meeting: Wild Birds Unlimited, 2720 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

All DFO members, regardless of birding skill level, are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count sponsored by the National Audubon Society. Call one of the area leaders listed below if you would like to assist in a particular area, or call Dick Schottler if you would like to help count in any area that needs additional observers. There are a few areas that still have no leaders and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out. If you are interested in leading one of these areas, please call Dick Schottler as soon as possible.

In order to participate in the Christmas Bird Count, each observer must pay a \$5.00 fee. This fee is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official Christmas Bird Counts in the *National Audubon Society Field Notes*. Participants must pay the fee to their area leader before taking part in the count. Checks must be made payable to "National Audubon Society Field Notes", not to the Denver Field Ornithologists or *American Birds*.

Pre-counts: Pre-counts of areas are encouraged. Since days and times will vary for pre-counts, please contact an area leader if you wish to help on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participation in a pre-count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names and telephone numbers of the area leaders. Contact area leaders for information on meeting times and places on Count Day, Saturday, December 16, 1995.

1. Red Rocks Park	Bob and Lea Ann Brown	303-791-6204
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer	303-279-4682
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Mary Jane Schock	303-922-3144
3. Bow Mar/Marston	Mort Staatz	303-279-6169
4A. Lower South Platte	<i>Leader needed</i>	---
4B. Lower South Platte	Dick Schottler	303-278-8035
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver	303-936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Norm Erthal	303-424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte	Joey Kellner	303-978-1748
7B. Middle South Platte	Hugh Kingery	303-333-0161
8. Chatfield State Park	Randy Lentz	303-680-3381
9. Upper South Platte	Joe Roller	303-233-4476
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Doug Ward	303-937-7574
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell	303-979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	David Laliberte	303-297-2504
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch	303-233-3372
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson	303-277-9748
16. Upper Bear Creek	Dave Quesenberry	303-796-7603
17. Ken Caryl Ranch	<i>Leader needed</i>	---
18. Garrison Gate	Chuck Aid	303-329-0082
19. Morrison/Willow Brook	Jackie King	303-287-1644
20. Willow Creek	<i>Leader needed</i>	---
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	Karleene Schofield	303-936-8661
Feeders	Patty Echelmeyer	303-233-4947

DENVER URBAN COUNT, MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1996

Count Leader/Compiler: Hugh Kingery 303-333-0161
 Compilation Meeting: Pot luck at Liz and Lynn Willcockson's 303-757-7000

South Platte River (South)	Betty and Harold Oliver	303-936-6902
South Platte River (North)	Duane Nelson	303-277-9748
Rocky Mountain Arsenal	Ed Holub	303-979-2194
Commerce City, Montbello	Jackie King	303-287-1644
Aurora	<i>Leader needed</i>	---
Cherry Creek Reservoir	Joe Kellner	303-978-1748
Englewood, south of Hampden Ave.	Lynn Willcockson	303-757-7000
South Denver, north of Hampden Ave.	Walt Hackney	303-750-2823
Cherry Creek, hike University Blvd. to Cherry Creek Dam	Julene Pimentel	303-777-7297
Fairmont Cemetery	Tuesday Birders	303-979-6211
City Park and Park Hill	Janet Decker	303-355-7030
Cherry Creek, University Blvd. to confluence	Mary Taylor Gray	303-759-9162
Feeders	Hugh Kingery	303-333-0161

PUEBLO AREA CHRISTMAS COUNT

Count Leader/Compiler: Brandon K. Percival 719-547-3722

Pueblo Reservoir, Saturday, December 16	Mark Yeager	719-543-2724
Penrose, Sunday, December 17	Rosie Watts	719-372-6679
Westcliffe, Saturday, December 23	Dave Johnson	719-545-5548
Pueblo, Sunday, December 24	Mike Ketchen	719-547-9134
Lake Isabel, Sunday, December 31	David Silverman	719-489-3565
Holly, Saturday or Sunday, December 30 or 31	Mark Janos	719-544-5002

OTHER AREAS

Boulder, Sunday, December 17	Bill Kaempfer	303-939-8005
Evergreen, Saturday, December 23	Barbara Jean Gard	303-674-3280
Fountain Creek Regional Park and Colorado Springs SWA, Friday, December 29	Alan Versaw	719-598-7130
Barr Lake State Park, Saturday, December 30	Colorado Bird Observatory	303-659-4348
Douglas County, Sunday, December 31	Roxborough State Park	303-973-3959
Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Monday, January 1 (tentative)	Alan Versaw	719-598-7130



THE LARK BUNTING

MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 3, 1996

Program: A slide show featuring difficult to identify birds. Audience participation.

Speaker: Tony Leukering, Colorado Bird Observatory

NOTE: Please call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert for special DFO Meeting announcements or cancellations

***** Colorado Rare Bird Alert - 424-2144 *****

FIELD TRIP SUMMARY - NOVEMBER, 1995

November 4, Saturday (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt

Leader: Patty Echelmeyer

0830-1230. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy to sunny, calm, 25-55°F.

35 species, 652 individuals.

Observers: David Christian, Pearl Jordan, Elissa McAlear, Joe Roller, Buzz Schaumberg, Jeff Selleck, Curt Simmons.

November 5, Sunday (TWP)

Two Ponds and nearby areas to include

Standley Lake, Ward Pond, and Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Leader: David Rhoades

0745-1345. 10 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind 8 mph, 32-60°F.

40 species, 1,421 individuals.

Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Dave Compton, Keith Ketner, David Laliberte, Charles Lowrie, Dex Williams, Helen Williams, Nancy Zavitz, Wally Zavitz.

November 4-5, Saturday-Sunday (BON)

Bonny Reservoir

Leader: Jackie King

November 4, 0630-1730, November 5, 0830-1600. 423 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Clear and cold Saturday, clear and warmer

Sunday, wind northwest 0-10 mph, 24-64°F.

57 species, 6,112 individuals.

Observer: Amy Young

November 11, Saturday (MFL)

Mt. Falcon, Lair o' the Bear, and Morrison Parks

Leader: Bob Spencer

0800-1430. 20 miles my car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Cloudy to partly cloudy, wind northwest 0-30 mph, 28-50°F.

23 species, 115 individuals.

Observers: Warren Finch, Dave Quesenberry, Chuck Walter, Eleanor White, Amy Young.

November 12, Sunday (WLD)

Walden Ponds, Baseline and Valmont Reservoirs

Leader: Karleen Schofield

0830-1300. 5 miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind west 4-29 mph, 54-62°F.

45 species, 1,078 individuals.

THE LARK BUNTING

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Observers: Dale Bucknam, David Christian, Richard Mendez, Chris Owens, Jeff Selleck, Karen Selleck, Curt Simmons, Joe TenBrink, Pat Wales.

November 18, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park

Leaders: Glenn Hageman and Jeane Hageman
0800-1400. Zero miles by car, 3.7 miles on foot.

Clear, calm, 44-76°F.

43 species, 2,461 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer, Al Despin, Betty Ellsworth, Tammy Ferreira, Alan Hay, Joe Kamby, Norma Kamby, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Dave Quesenberry, Michael Ruterbories, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Chuck Walters, Emilie Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma, Amy Young.

November 19, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Randy Lentz

0730-1300. 18 miles by car, 4.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind west 4-7 mph, 30-60°F.

29 species, 198 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, David Laliberte, David Quesenberry, Frances Sperl.

November 25, Saturday (PRA)

Platte River in Adams County to include Riverside Cemetery to Vets Park

Leader: David Laliberte

0820-1550. 45 miles by car, 0.4 miles on foot.

Cloudy to partly cloudy, wind west 5-13 mph,
46-71°F.

41 species, 1,043 individuals.

Observers: Gregg Goodrich, Richard Mendez, Larry Modesitt, Chris Owens, Helen Standish.

November 26, Sunday (NEC)

Northeastern Colorado Reservoirs to include Red Lion SWA, Jumbo and Prewitt Reservoirs, and Ovid.

Leader: Joe Roller

0630-1700. 380 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Partly cloudy then overcast (front moving through in PM), wind south to northeast 5-25 mph, 40-58°F.

61 species, 10,741 individuals.

Observers: George Armbrust, Jaymie Arnold, Joe Himmel, Vince Kloster, Tim Mitzen, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz.

TUESDAY BIRDERS

November 7, Tuesday (BCL)

Bear Creek Lake Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.

0900-1200. 7 miles by car, 1.5 miles on foot.

Mostly sunny, wind northeast 8-12 mph, 32-42°F.

30 species, 238 individuals.

November 14, Tuesday (WSM)

Walden and Sawmill Ponds

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 35 observers.

0900-1200. Zero miles by car, 2.0 miles on foot.

Sunny, wind west 10-15 mph with gusts up to 35 mph, 60-70°F.

43 species, 878 individuals.

November 21, Tuesday (CHA)

Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers

0900-1200. 14 miles by car, 1.0 mile on foot.

Mostly sunny; wind southwest 0-15 mph, 49-72°F.

30 species, 511 individuals.

November 28, Tuesday

Trip canceled due inclement weather.

Mona Krebs, compiler.

INDEPENDENT FIELD TRIP

November 4, Saturday (IND)

Bonny Reservoir and S. Republican River to Kansas Border

Dan Bridges

0600-1300. 31 miles by car, 3.0 miles on foot.

Clear, wind south 5-15 mph, 23-40°F.

59 species, 5,532 individuals.

RENEW NOW!

Remember, all DFO members renew at the beginning of the calendar year. Unless your membership was effective after October 1, 1995, it will expire December 31 and terminate January 31, 1996. Use the renewal form on the inside of the mailing wrapper to continue your membership.

And while renewing, remember that DFO is largely successful because of the number of members who donate their time and effort. Consider volunteering for Officer, Director, Field Trip Leader, or other by checking one, or more boxes on the renewal form!

SHARE YOUR BIRDING ADVENTURES

If in 1995 you saw lots of birds, or a few rare ones, or went on a great birding trip, passed a significant milestone on your life list or had other noteworthy, exciting or disastrous birding adventures, we would like for you to share them with your fellow DFO members. Please forward the details in a short note to Gail Evans, 1480 S. Jasmine Way, Denver, 80224. These trip highlights will appear in the February issue of *The Lark Bunting*.

NEW DATE FOR COLORADO HAWKS AND OWLS CLASS

Please note changes in class times for Tina Jones' class which will emphasize identification of Colorado hawks and owls and their natural history and behavior. The Classroom session will be at Denver Botanic Gardens January 23, 6:30-9:00 p.m. and the field trip will be on January 28. Fee and registration required. Call instructor, Tina Jones at 794-2647 for more information.

THANK YOU TUESDAY BIRDERS

A special thanks to the Tuesday Birders for their generous contribution to help defray the monthly expense of printing *The Lark Bunting*.

SPECIES	4	5	4-5	11	12	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	4
	WRG	TWP	BON	MFL	WLD	BAR	CAC	PRA	NEC	BCL	WSM	CHA	IND
Common Loon						2						1	2
Loon Species												3	
Pied-billed Grebe	6		9		12	2		3	1	1	7		3
Horned Grebe			4		7				1	1			15
Eared Grebe						3			3		1		
Western Grebe		700	2		18	8				8		4	1
American White Pelican						1							
Double-crested Cormorant		2	40			1							2
American Bittern													1
Great Blue Heron			3		8			1	7		1	1	3
Greater White-fronted Goose									1				
Snow Goose													
"White" morph			82			185		1i	600				20
"Blue" morph									30				
Ross' Goose									20				
Canada Goose	150	378	290		160	300		53	7500	65	240	180	250
Wood Duck											4		7
Green-winged Teal	8		3		4	15		47			2		20
Mallard	125	8	2000		10	550	8	123	600	8	8	11	4000
Northern Pintail	2				6	61		13	30	1	2		
Northern Shoveler	15	4	14		2	900		45		2		4	
Gadwall	10	1	12		8	2		73		1		4	15
American Wigeon	15	2	1100		120	100		59	1		136		25
Canvasback		2			26			11	110		16		6
Redhead	25	22	10		55	9		5	12		68		
Ring-necked Duck	20	108	10		40	7		35	2		58		
Lesser Scaup	25	5			2			23	800		4		5
Oldsquaw									1				
Common Goldeneye	15	2			9			40	100	9	18	22	2
Bufflehead	13	3	65		16	8		25	60	1m	12	1	30
Hooded Merganser		17	9		28				1		10		
Common Merganser					14				12	3			100
Ruddy Duck	1				1	1			30		2		10
Bald Eagle		1	3			2			4	1		1a1i	1a
Northern Harrier			5			3			4			3	1f
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1									
Red-tailed Hawk		1	6		3	2				3	2	1	3
Western races							3	4	7				
"Harlan's" race								1	1				
"Krider's" race													
Ferruginous Hawk		1	1					2	8	2			
Rough-legged Hawk			21		1		1		8		1		
Buteo species									15				
Golden Eagle			1	1i	1			1a	3	2a	1		
American Kestrel			3		1	1	1	1	10		1		
Merlin			1										1
Prairie Falcon			4			1							1
Ring-necked Pheasant									8				3
Virginia Rail											1		
Sora											1		
American Coot	15	1	225		82			19	1		100	80	
Killdeer	1				1	4		2				1	2
Greater Yellowlegs			1		1								
Lesser Yellowlegs											2		
Common Snipe											1		2
Bonaparte's Gull													2
Ring-billed Gull	50	23	95		110	98		158	100	11	60	35	35
California Gull		10			1					1		1	

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	WRG	TWP	BON	MFL	WLD	BAR	CAC	PRA	NEC	BCL	WSM	CHA	IND
Herring Gull		1							1				
Rock Dove	4	14	14		35		5	16	30		4	20	
Mourning Dove			1										
Eastern Screech-Owl													1h
Great Horned Owl			3			3						1a	
Belted Kingfisher	1	2	4	1	1			2	1h	2	2	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker			2						1				4
Downy Woodpecker	1					2		2		2	1		1
Eastern races					2		1						
Hairy Woodpecker													1
"Rocky Mountain" race									1				
Eastern races					2								
Northern Flicker			7								3	10	
"Yellow-shafted" race									2	1			
"Red-shafted" race	18	3			4	9	2	3		11			8
Horned Lark			200						25				15
Steller's Jay				4			8						
Blue Jay	5	3	9	1	1h		1	2	2		1		5
Scrub Jay				1			14						
Black-billed Magpie	14	4	24	3	9	17	16	29	1	13	2	18	
American Crow	3	3	6	7			20	3		1	5	18	5
Common Raven				2			1						
Black-capped Chickadee	15	1	17	6	12	16	20	3	4	18	7	4	40
Mountain Chickadee				16			2		1				
Red-breasted Nuthatch				5			2						
White-breasted Nuthatch				4			7					1	3
Pygmy Nuthatch				6			2						
Brown Creeper	1				1								
Canyon Wren							1						
Winter Wren									1				
Marsh Wren											1		1,4h
American Dipper				2						1			
Golden-crowned Kinglet													3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1											6
Eastern Bluebird													9
Townsend's Solitaire			4	3			14		1	4			2
American Robin	2	7	50	1	1			2	14				150
American Pipit									30				
Cedar Waxwing									20				5
Northern Shrike		1		1		1	1		3		2	1	2
European Starling	30	40	240	5	200	22	23	200	60		1	50	500
Yellow-rumped Warbler													6
Northern Cardinal									2				
American Tree Sparrow	6	1	14	2	22	31	12		70	51	5	25	60
Chipping Sparrow			3										
Field Sparrow			5										
Vesper Sparrow			25										
Lark Sparrow			1										
Song Sparrow	10	2	3	1	3	16	2	6	3	1	6	2	7
Lincoln's Sparrow													3
White-crowned Sparrow			5			11		5	30	1	1		1i
"Gambel's" race							1						
Harris' Sparrow						1							
Dark-eyed Junco		3				1	10			2		3	
"Slate-colored" race				1					4	4			1
"Oregon" race	8		46			5			16				25
"Pink-sided" race				3		2				3			
"Gray-headed" race				8		1							
Lapland Longspur									100				

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	WRG	TWP	BON	MFL	WLD	BAR	CAC	PRA	NEC	BCL	WSM	CHA	IND
Longspur species													1h
Red-winged Blackbird	15	1	820		28	27		1m	110		73		75
Western Meadowlark		1	50			2		1h	6				5
Brewer's Blackbird			200					9					
Great-tailed Grackle			150										
House Finch	14	23	12		3	11	15	8	40	3	5	3	
Pine Siskin		4		30		2	2		1				
American Goldfinch	7		23		7	9		1h	30				15
Evening Grosbeak							3						
House Sparrow	2	15	155			6		5	40				
TOTAL SPECIES	35	40	57	23	45	43	29	41	61	30	43	30	59
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	652	1421	6112	115	1078	2461	198	1043	10741	238	878	511	5532

CBO TO HOST LECTURES

Dr. Sidney Gauthreaux, Professor of Biological Sciences at Clemson University, will present a lecture entitled "*Radar Ornithology: A New Conservation Tool*," the third in a series of bird conservation lectures sponsored by Colorado Bird Observatory. Dr. Gauthreaux's talk will be held on Friday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Thornton Civic Center, 9500 Civic Center Dr., on Thornton Parkway just east of I-25.

Admission is \$4.00 for CBO members and \$5.00 for non-members.

On February 16 at 7:00 p.m., CBO will present Dr. Russell Greenberg, Smithsonian Institution. Dr. Greenberg will present "*The Coffee Connection: Migratory Birds and Shade-grown Coffee*".

On March 22, at 7:00 p.m., CBO will welcome Dr. Ric Knight, Colorado State University who will present "*Outdoor Recreation is for the Birds*".

CBO's Bird Conservation Speaker Series is funded in part by a grant from the Adams County Scientific and Cultural Council.

For more information please call Colorado Bird Observatory at (303) 659-4348.

BIRDS AND BERRIES

Mark your calendars to attend a class on habitat creation and landscaping for songbirds and hummingbirds, taught by Tina Jones. This course deals with native low water plants and non-natives. The class will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens, February 18, February 25, and

March 3, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Call Instructor Tina Jones at 794-2647 for registration fee and information.

BOB RIGHTER TEXAS COAST TRIP

Experience spring migration at it's best. Bob Righter will lead a DFO Field trip to the Upper Texas Coast April 12-19. All expenses shared. Contact Bob Righter 692-8529.

DFO FIELD TRIP REPORT FORM

The DFO bird list includes 348 species most likely to be found on club field trips. A copy of this form begins on page 148. For a more extensive and complete list of state birds, refer to the Colorado Field Ornithologists "Field Checklist of Colorado Birds" on sale at the DFO Bookstore at club meetings. This checklist currently contains names of the 452 species accepted by the CFO Records Committee.

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ADDITIONAL REPORTS - November 1995

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Pacific Loon	11/3	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
	11/5	2	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Joe Roller
	11/18	1	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/24	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering
	11/25	3	Nee Grande reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
American White Pelican	11/10	3	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	11/10	2	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering
Tundra Swan	11/7-18	2	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea, mo
Trumpeter Swan	11/11	1	Huerfano Reservoir	Pueblo	Mark Janos
Greater White-fronted Goose	11/12	11	Valco Ponds (not the ones in Pueblo)	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
	11/21	1i	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Brown
Snow Goose	11/2	75 white 5 blue	835 Harmony Drive, Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Ross' Goose	11/2	1	835 Harmony Drive Pueblo West	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Greater Scaup	11/4	1m	Pond north of 78th Ave. at S. Platte River	Adams	Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen
Oldsquaw	11/25	4	Upper Queens Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Black Scoter	11/17-31	1f	McLelland Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tina Jones, mo
	11/19	1f	Marston Reservoir	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Surf Scoter	11/5	3	Rist Benson Reservoir, Loveland	Weld	Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen
	11/1-14	1f	Fish Hatchery Pond, west of Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
White-winged Scoter	11/17-31	1m	McLelland Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tina Jones, mo
Barrow's Goldeneye	11/5	1am	North Poudre Reservoir #3	Larimer	Tony Leukering
Red-breasted Merganser	11/12	35f	Baseline Reservoir	Boulder	Tim Mitzen, Jaymie Arnold, David Ely, David Leatherman
Osprey	11/4	1	Near Lyons	Boulder	Tony Leukering, Joe Harrison, Scott Hutchings
Red-tailed Hawk "Kriders" race	11/4	1	100th Ave at McKay Rd.	Adams	Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen
Merlin	11/23	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen
Peregrine Falcon	11/6-7	1	Big Johnson Reservoir	El Paso	Bob Goycoolea
	11/10	1am, 1af	74th Ave. at S. Platte River	Adams	Tony Leukering
Black-bellied Plover	11/3	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Greater Yellowlegs	11/1-5	up to 3	Along Arkansas River, west of Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo
	11/12	1	Avondale Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Long-billed Dowitcher	11/12	4	Avondale Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Van Truan
Great Black-backed Gull	11/16-18	1aw	Pueblo Reservoir	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, mo (F)
Great Black-backed/ Western Gull	11/1-8	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	many observers
Black-legged Kittiwake	11/25	2i	Nee Noshe Reservoir	Kiowa	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos (F)
Ancient Murrelet	11/9	1di now in museum	Utah Park Pond, Aurora	Arapahoe	Dan Bridges
White-winged Dove	11/4	1	Pueblo	Pueblo	Nancy Crafton, Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, mo (F)
Short-eared Owl	11/22	1	Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Bob Richter

SPECIES	Date	Count	Location	County	Observers
Black Phoebe	11/15	1	Canon City River Walk	Fremont	David Pantle
Chihuahuan Raven	11/12	1	Penrose	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
Bewick's Wren	11/12	1	Penrose	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
Eastern Bluebird	11/12	1+h	Penrose	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
	11/25	1	Lamar	Prowers	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Hermit Thrush	11/3	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Smith
Northern Mockingbird	11/1-4	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
Curve-billed Thrasher	11/12	1	Penrose	Fremont	Rosie Watts, mo
Black-throated Blue Warbler	11/4	1f	Chatfield State Park	Jefferson	Bob Brown
Prairie Warbler	11/3	1if	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Gary Conover, David Smith (F)
Chipping Sparrow	11/3	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
	11/17	1	Rock Canyon	Pueblo	Brandon Percival
Fox Sparrow "western race"	11/3	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, David Smith
White-throated Sparrow	1a	11/2-14	4400 Bow Mar Dr.	Jefferson	Tina Jones
Harris' Sparrow	11/4-5	1	Valco Ponds	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Bob Goycoolea, mo
	11/1-6	1a	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering, Scott Hutchings
	11/10	1i	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Lapland Longspur	11/1	1	Over Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
	11/3	3+	Near Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tony Leukering
Great-tailed Grackle	11/12	1m	Valco Ponds Not the ones on Pueblo	Fremont	Tony Leukering, Richard Bunn, Bill Maynard
	11/24	1m	Over Cherry Creek Reservoir	Arapahoe	Tony Leukering
Common Grackle	11/4	1	Pueblo	Pueblo	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch	11/23	1	Barr Lake State Park	Adams	Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen
Purple Finch	11/12	1fp	Rd. JJ at Rd. 16	Bent	Brandon Percival, Mark Janos, Van Truan (F)
	11/19				

a = adult, sba = sub-adult, m = male, f = female, fp = female plumage (could be immature), j = juvenile, i = immature, di = dead immature, fym = first year male, fw = first winter, b = breeding plumage, nb = near breeding plumage, w = winter plumage, n = nesting, c = calling, s = singing, h = heard, (F) = form submitted

Instructions for submitting Additional Reports:

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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UPCOMING DFO FIELD TRIPS

January 6, Saturday (DCF)

Douglas County Feeders

Leader: Gail Evans, 303-758-2231

Have breakfast with the Birds at Dawson Butte! A Douglas County land owner, with a wide variety of winter birds coming to her feeders, has invited DFO members to view them through her picture windows while enjoying a warm and cozy breakfast. Additional Perry Park birding to follow. Number of participants is limited to 12, so call leader to reserve your spot and get directions to the meeting place. Half day trip, lunch optional.

January 6, Saturday (VAL)

Valmont Reservoir

Leader: Bob Jickling, 303-499-4977

Get a good start on your 1996 waterfowl count. Meet leader at 0830. From U.S. 36, take Foothills Parkway exit. Go north two miles to Arapahoe Rd. go east two miles to 63rd St., then north 1/4 mile to entrance. Bring lunch.

January 7, Sunday (WRD)

Ward and Peak-to-Peak Highway for Rosy Finches

Leader: Marlene Eggerling, 303-772-6573
Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories at 325 Broadway. From U.S. 36, turn west at Baseline Rd. exit, turn left at next light. (27th Way). Cross Broadway at next light onto lab grounds. Bring money for lunch.

January 7, Sunday (SPR)

Urban South Platte River

Leader: Kitty Albee, 303-980-1985

Meet at 0830 on west side of King Soopers at northeast corner of Federal and Bellevue. Half day trip, lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

January 13, Saturday (PRA)

Platte River and Adams County

Leader: David Laliberte, 303-297-2504

Expect to see waterfowl and raptors. Meet at 0800 in north parking lot of Museum of Natural History. Bring lunch. Good trip for novice birders and new members.

January 14, Sunday (CAC)

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader Sherry Chapman, 303-699-1351

Meet leader at 0830 at the Visitor Center on the west side on CO 83, south of Franktown. Most of the trip on foot to bottom of canyon. Half day trip, lunch optional. State park pass required.

January 20, Saturday (NEC)

Northeast Colorado

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748

See winter waterfowl and raptors. Meet at 0700 at Colorado Division of Wildlife at 6060 N. Broadway. Bring lunch.

January 21, Sunday (APX)

Apex Park

Leader: David Quesenberry, 303-796-7603

Meet leader at 0800 at parking lot off CO 93 north of U.S. 40. Trip will be on foot from here. Half day.

January 27, Saturday (PUE)

Pueblo Area to include Valco Ponds, City Park and Pueblo Reservoir.

Leader: David Silverman, 719-489-3565

Carpool at 0700 from northeast corner of Southmoor Park-and-Ride. From East Hampden Ave. turn south at Monaco, (the second light east of I-25), and go 0.3 miles to Magnolia Way, or meet leader at 0900 at K-Mart Caboose, on Elizabeth, at southwest corner of I-25 and U.S. 50 West (exit 101). Bring lunch, State park pass required.

January 27, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Peter Lowen, 303-270-0076

Meet at 0830 at west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union, then south and east to gate.

Half day trip, lunch optional. State park pass required.

January 28, Sunday (FTC)
Fort Collins area, to include Grandview Cemetery, Hamilton Reservoir and other Fort Collins birding areas.

Leader: David Leatherman, 970-416-0193, assisted by Dave Ely, 970-225-1047 and Bill Lisowsky, 970-498-1195.

Actual route will depend on birds being seen. Carpool at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on 120th Avenue, 0.3 miles west of I-25 Exit 223. Meet leader and assistants at 0830 in Fort Collins at Hardee's on CO 14, west of I-25 CO 14 exit. Bring lunch.

Scheduled by Pearl Jordan, 303-987-2802

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

The following guidelines should be followed when participating in a DFO Field Trip:

Call the Colorado Rare Bird Alert before going on a field trip to determine if there have been any cancellations or changes in schedule.

Carpool if possible so the leader will have fewer cars to keep track of and get parked at stops. Carpooling also saves gasoline and reduces air pollution. Stay reasonably close to the group whether en route or on foot.

Do not leave the group without notifying the leader. Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expenses on scheduled DFO field trips. The suggested share is 10 cents per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

Accommodations can usually be made for persons with disabilities. Contact Jackie King, 303-287-1644.

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

As reported earlier this year, the DFO Educational Endowment Fund was established

using funds received from former member Mary Hope Robinson's estate. Members are invited to make additional contributions to the fund when renewing their annual memberships or anytime during the year.

Interest generated from the fund will be awarded annually in the form of grants for educational projects that promote interest in the study and preservation of birds and their habitats. The DFO Board will serve as the award selection committee.

Below you will find the guidelines and the application. The DFO Board of Directors are currently accepting applications for such grants.

Guidelines for Applicants:

1. Applications for grants must be typed and submitted to the DFO Board by January 31. A grant application form is on page following.
2. Thorough details of the project(s) and needed funding are required.
3. The applicant may be asked to present the proposal in person before the Board.
4. Grants to be awarded will be announced in May.
5. Grant recipients must submit a written report to the Board at the completion of the project and may be asked to make a presentation to the membership.
6. Application form is to be returned to the current DFO President.

We invite you to apply for a grant if your project will further the cause of avian study and preservation. Form is opposite.

DFO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

(Fill in or attach requested information)

Name of applicant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Individual or organization to receive grant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Description of project:

What are the anticipated starting and completion dates:

Amount of funding requested:

Details of how funds will be used:

Other information for the DFO Board's consideration:

Signature _____ Date _____

All grant applications must be postmarked by January 31.

Return application form and any additional pages to the current DFO President.

Thank you.
July, 1995

DFO FIELD TRIP REPORT FORM

LOCALITY _____

DATE _____ TIME BIRDING (From) _____ (To) _____ Elevation _____ Ft

HABITATS _____

DISTANCE COVERED (By Car) _____ Mi (On Foot) _____ Mi

WEATHER _____ TEMPERATURE _____ °F

WIND (Direction) _____ (Velocity) _____ MPH LEADER(S) _____

OBSERVERS _____

TOTALS: SPECIES _____ INDIVIDUALS _____

LOONS

____ Red-throated Loon
____ Pacific Loon
____ Common Loon

GREBES

____ Pied-billed Grebe
____ Horned Grebe
____ Eared Grebe
____ Western Grebe
____ Clark's Grebe

PELICANS

____ American White Pelican

CORMORANTS

____ Double-crested Cormorant

BITTERNS & HERONS

____ American Bittern
____ Least Bittern
____ Great Blue Heron
____ Great Egret
____ Snowy Egret
____ Little Blue Heron
____ Cattle Egret
____ Green Heron
____ Black-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES

____ White-faced Ibis

SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

____ Tundra Swan
____ Greater White-fronted Goose
____ Snow Goose
____ "White" morph
____ "Blue" morph
____ Ross' Goose
____ Canada Goose
____ Wood Duck
____ Green-winged Teal
____ Mallard
____ Northern Pintail
____ Blue-winged Teal
____ Cinnamon Teal
____ "Blue-winged" Teal sp.
____ Northern Shoveler
____ Gadwall
____ American Wigeon
____ Canvasback
____ Redhead
____ Ring-necked Duck
____ Greater Scaup
____ Lesser Scaup
____ Oldsquaw
____ Surf Scoter
____ White-winged Scoter
____ Common Goldeneye
____ Barrow's Goldeneye
____ Bufflehead
____ Hooded Merganser
____ Common Merganser
____ Red-breasted Merganser
____ Ruddy Duck

AMERICAN VULTURES

____ Turkey Vulture

KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS

____ Osprey
____ Mississippi Kite
____ Bald Eagle

____ Northern Harrier
____ Sharp-shinned Hawk
____ Cooper's Hawk
____ Northern Goshawk
____ Accipiter sp.
____ Broad-winged Hawk
____ Swainson's Hawk
____ Red-tailed Hawk
____ Western race
____ "Harlan's" race
____ "Krieger's" race
____ Ferruginous Hawk
____ Rough-legged Hawk
____ Buteo sp.
____ Golden Eagle

FALCONS

____ American Kestrel
____ Merlin
____ Peregrine Falcon
____ Prairie Falcon
____ Falcon sp.

PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS & QUAIL

____ Chukar
____ Ring-necked Pheasant
____ Blue Grouse
____ White-tailed Ptarmigan
____ Sage Grouse
____ Greater Prairie-Chicken
____ Lesser Prairie-Chicken
____ Sharp-tailed Grouse
____ Wild Turkey
____ Northern Bobwhite
____ Scaled Quail
____ Gambel's Quail

RAILS & COOTS

____ Virginia Rail
____ Sora
____ American Coot

CRANES

____ Sandhill Crane

PLOVERS

____ Black-bellied Plover
____ American Golden Plover
____ Snowy Plover
____ Semipalmated Plover
____ Killdeer
____ Mountain Plover

STILTS & AVOCETS

____ Black-necked Stilt
____ American Avocet

SANDPIPERS & ALLIES

____ Greater Yellowlegs
____ Lesser Yellowlegs
____ Solitary Sandpiper
____ Willet
____ Spotted Sandpiper
____ Upland Sandpiper
____ Whimbrel
____ Long-billed Curlew
____ Hudsonian Godwit
____ Marbled Godwit
____ Ruddy Turnstone
____ Red Knot
____ Sanderling
____ Semipalmated Sandpiper

____ Western Sandpiper
____ Least Sandpiper
____ White-rumped Sandpiper
____ Baird's Sandpiper
____ Pectoral Sandpiper
____ Dunlin
____ Stilt Sandpiper
____ Buff-breasted Sandpiper
____ Short-billed Dowitcher
____ Long-billed Dowitcher
____ Common Snipe
____ Wilson's Phalarope
____ Red-necked Phalarope
____ Red Phalarope

GULLS & TERNS

____ Parasitic Jaeger
____ Franklin's Gull
____ Bonaparte's Gull
____ Ring-billed Gull
____ California Gull
____ Herring Gull
____ Thayer's Gull
____ Glaucous Gull
____ Black-legged Kittiwake
____ Sabine's Gull
____ Caspian Tern
____ Common Tern
____ Forster's Tern
____ Least Tern
____ Black Tern

PIGEONS & DOVES

____ Rock Dove
____ Band-tailed Pigeon
____ Mourning Dove

CUCKOOS & ROADRUNNERS

____ Black-billed Cuckoo
____ Yellow-billed Cuckoo
____ Greater Roadrunner

BARN OWLS

____ Barn Owl

TYPICAL OWLS

____ Flammulated Owl
____ Eastern Screech-Owl
____ Western Screech-Owl
____ Great Horned Owl
____ Snowy Owl
____ Northern Pygmy-Owl
____ Burrowing Owl
____ Long-eared Owl
____ Short-eared Owl
____ Northern Saw-whet Owl

GOATSUCKERS

____ Common Nighthawk
____ Common Poorwill

SWIFTS

____ Black Swift
____ Chimney Swift
____ White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

____ Black-chinned hummingbird
____ Calliope hummingbird
____ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
____ Rufous Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS

____ Belted Kingfisher

WOODPECKERS

- _____ Lewis' Woodpecker
- _____ Red-headed Woodpecker
- _____ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- _____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- _____ Red-naped Sapsucker
- _____ Williamson's Sapsucker
- _____ Ladder-backed Woodpecker
- _____ Downy Woodpecker
- _____ "Rocky Mountain" race
- _____ Eastern race (spotted wings)
- _____ Hairy Woodpecker
- _____ "Rocky Mountain" race
- _____ Eastern race (spotted wings)
- _____ Three-toed Woodpecker
- _____ Northern Flicker
- _____ "Yellow-shafted" race
- _____ "Red-shafted" race

FLYCATCHERS

- _____ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- _____ Western Wood-Pewee
- _____ Willow Flycatcher
- _____ Least Flycatcher
- _____ Hammond's Flycatcher
- _____ Dusky Flycatcher
- _____ Gray Flycatcher
- _____ Cordilleran Flycatcher
- _____ Empidonax sp.
- _____ Eastern Phoebe
- _____ Say's Phoebe
- _____ Vermillion Flycatcher
- _____ Ash-throated Flycatcher
- _____ Great Crested Flycatcher
- _____ Cassin's Kingbird
- _____ Western Kingbird
- _____ Eastern Kingbird
- _____ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

LARKS

- _____ Horned Lark

SWALLOWS

- _____ Purple Martin
- _____ Tree Swallow
- _____ Violet-green Swallow
- _____ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- _____ Bank Swallow
- _____ Cliff Swallow
- _____ Barn Swallow

JAYS, MAGPIES & CROWS

- _____ Gray Jay
- _____ Steller's Jay
- _____ Blue Jay
- _____ Scrub Jay
- _____ Pinyon Jay
- _____ Clark's Nutcracker
- _____ Black-billed Magpie
- _____ American Crow
- _____ Chihuahuan Raven
- _____ Common Raven

TITMICE

- _____ Black-capped Chickadee
- _____ Mountain Chickadee
- _____ Plain Titmouse

BUSH TITS

- _____ Bush tit

NUTHATCHES

- _____ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- _____ White-breasted Nuthatch
- _____ Pygmy Nuthatch

CREEPERS

- _____ Brown Creeper

WRENS

- _____ Rock Wren
- _____ Canyon Wren
- _____ Carolina Wren
- _____ Bewick's Wren
- _____ House Wren
- _____ Winter Wren
- _____ Marsh Wren

DIPPERS

- _____ American Dipper

KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS & THRUSHES

- _____ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- _____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- _____ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- _____ Eastern Bluebird
- _____ Western Bluebird
- _____ Mountain Bluebird
- _____ Townsend's Solitaire
- _____ Veery
- _____ Swainson's Thrush
- _____ Hermit Thrush
- _____ American Robin

THRASHERS

- _____ Gray Catbird
- _____ Northern Mockingbird
- _____ Sage Thrasher
- _____ Brown Thrasher
- _____ Curve-billed Thrasher

PIPITS

- _____ American Pipit
- _____ Sprague's Pipit

WAXWINGS

- _____ Bohemian Waxwing
- _____ Cedar Waxwing

SHRIKES

- _____ Northern Shrike
- _____ Loggerhead Shrike

STARLINGS

- _____ European Starling

VIREOS

- _____ Bell's Vireo
- _____ Gray Vireo
- _____ Solitary Vireo
- _____ "Plumbeous" race
- _____ "Cassin's" race
- _____ Warbling Vireo
- _____ Philadelphia Vireo
- _____ Red-eyed Vireo

WARBLERS, SPARROWS, BLACKBIRDS & ALLIES

- _____ Blue-winged Warbler
- _____ Golden-winged Warbler
- _____ Tennessee Warbler
- _____ Orange-crowned Warbler
- _____ Nashville Warbler
- _____ Virginia's Warbler
- _____ Northern Parula
- _____ Yellow Warbler
- _____ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- _____ Magnolia Warbler
- _____ Cape May Warbler
- _____ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- _____ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- _____ "Myrtle" race
- _____ "Audubon's" race
- _____ Black-throated Gray Warbler
- _____ Townsend's Warbler
- _____ Black-throated Green Warbler
- _____ Blackburnian Warbler
- _____ Grace's Warbler
- _____ Palm Warbler
- _____ Bay-breasted Warbler
- _____ Blackpoll Warbler
- _____ Black-and-white Warbler
- _____ American Redstart
- _____ Worm-eating Warbler
- _____ Ovenbird
- _____ Northern Waterthrush
- _____ Kentucky Warbler
- _____ MacGillivray's Warbler
- _____ Common Yellowthroat
- _____ Hooded Warbler
- _____ Wilson's Warbler
- _____ Yellow-breasted Chat
- _____ Summer Tanager
- _____ Scarlet Tanager
- _____ Western Tanager
- _____ Northern Cardinal
- _____ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- _____ Black-headed Grosbeak
- _____ Blue Grosbeak

- _____ Lazuli Bunting
- _____ Indigo Bunting
- _____ Dickcissel
- _____ Green-tailed Towhee
- _____ Rufous-sided Towhee
- _____ Canyon Towhee
- _____ Cassin's Sparrow
- _____ Rufous-crowned Sparrow
- _____ American Tree Sparrow^{2, 3, 4}
- _____ Chipping Sparrow
- _____ Clay-colored Sparrow
- _____ Brewer's Sparrow
- _____ Field Sparrow
- _____ Vesper Sparrow
- _____ Lark Sparrow
- _____ Black-throated Sparrow
- _____ Sage Sparrow
- _____ Lark Bunting
- _____ Savannah Sparrow
- _____ Grasshopper Sparrow
- _____ Fox Sparrow
- _____ "Slate-colored" race
- _____ "Yukon" race
- _____ Song Sparrow
- _____ Lincoln's Sparrow
- _____ Swamp Sparrow
- _____ White-throated Sparrow
- _____ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- _____ White-crowned Sparrow
- _____ Dark lored races
- _____ "Gambel's" race (white lores)
- _____ Harris' Sparrow
- _____ Dark-eyed Junco
- _____ "White-winged" race
- _____ "Slate-colored" race
- _____ "Oregon" race
- _____ "Pink-sided" race
- _____ "Gray-headed" race
- _____ McCown's Longspur
- _____ Lapland Longspur
- _____ Chestnut-collared Longspur
- _____ Snow Bunting
- _____ Bobolink
- _____ Red-winged Blackbird
- _____ Western Meadowlark
- _____ Yellow-headed Blackbird
- _____ Rusty Blackbird
- _____ Brewer's Blackbird
- _____ Great-tailed Grackle
- _____ Common Grackle
- _____ Brown-headed Cowbird
- _____ Orchard Oriole
- _____ Northern Oriole
- _____ "Baltimore" race
- _____ "Bullock's" race

FINCHES

- _____ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
- _____ Black Rosy Finch
- _____ Brown-capped Rosy Finch
- _____ Pine Grosbeak
- _____ Cassin's Finch
- _____ House Finch
- _____ Red Crossbill
- _____ Common Redpoll
- _____ Pine Siskin
- _____ Lesser Goldfinch
- _____ "Green-backed" race
- _____ "Black-backed" race
- _____ American Goldfinch
- _____ Evening Grosbeak

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

- _____ House Sparrow

RARE AND ACCIDENTAL SPECIES
